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ACTS OF PARLIAMENT,

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CLAUSES OF ACTS OF PARLIAMENT,

RELATIVE TO THOSE

PROTESTANT DISSENTERS

WHO ARE USUALLY CALLED BY THE NAME OF

Q U A K E R S.

FROM THE YEAR 1688.

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# P R E F A C E.



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preffive Prosecutions in the Ex-  
 chequer and Ecclesiastical Courts,  
 whenever either a Disposition in-  
 consistent with the Spirit of Tole-  
 ration, or the Want of proper In-  
 formation, subject them thereto.  
 It must however be acknowledged,  
 that no great Number of Suits  
 have, of late, been commenced in  
 those Courts against them. And  
 that Claimants may be generally  
 informed that Modes of Recovery,  
 in various Instances, are provided,  
 less severe upon the Sufferers, it  
 has been thought proper to pub-  
 lish this Collection of the Acts  
 and Clauses of Acts of Parliament  
 more particularly relating to this  
 People.



It is conceived, that a Knowledge of these Laws will be sufficient to prevent many from pursuing the expensive Procedure in the Exchequer, and the still more ruinous one in the Ecclesiastical Court; especially when they reflect, that Prosecutions therein will ultimately terminate, either in the Violation of the Conscience of the Sufferer, or his Imprisonment for Life; as well as in the great Loss of the Prosecutor, since neither the Sum claimed, nor the Costs, can be obtained by the final Judgment of the Ecclesiastical Court.

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## NUMBER I.

*An ACT for exempting their*  
*Majesties Protestant Subjects, dis-*  
*senting from the Church of ENG-*  
*LAND, from the Penalties of certain*  
*Laws.*

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I. **I**NASMUCH as some Ease  
 to scrupulous Consciences  
 in the Exercise of Religion, may be  
 an effectual Means to unite their  
 Majesties Protestant Subjects in In-  
 terest and Affection :

Preamble.

2. Be it enacted by the King's  
 and Queen's most excellent Maje-  
 sties, by and with the Advice and  
 Consent of the Lords spiritual and  
 temporal, and the Commons in this

Several  
 Laws a-  
 gainst Dis-  
 senters re-  
 pealed.

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present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That neither the Statute made in the three and twentieth Year of the Reign of the late Queen ELIZABETH, intituled, *An ACT to retain the Queen's Majesty's Subjects in their due Obedience*; nor the Statute made in the twenty-ninth Year of the said Queen, intituled, *An ACT for the more speedy and due Execution of certain Branches of the Statute made in the three and twentieth Year of the Queen's Majesty's Reign, (viz. the aforesaid ACT;)* nor that Branch or Clause of a Statute made in the first Year of the Reign of the said Queen, intituled, *An ACT for the Uniformity of Common-prayer and Service in the Church, and Administration of the Sacraments*; whereby  
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all Persons, having no lawful or reasonable Excuse to be absent, are required to resort to their Parish-Church or Chapel, or some usual Place where the Common-prayer shall be used, upon pain of Punishment by the Censures of the Church, and also upon pain that every Person so offending, shall forfeit for every such Offence Twelvepence; nor the Statute made in the third Year of the Reign of the late King JAMES the first, intituled, *An ACT for the better discovering and repressing Popish Recusants*; nor that other Statute made in the same Year, intituled, *An ACT to prevent and avoid Dangers which may grow by Popish Recusants*; nor any other Law or Statute of this Realm, made against *Papists* or *Popish Recusants*,

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cusants, except the Statute made in the five and twentieth Year of King CHARLES the Second, intituled, *An ACT for preventing Dangers which may happen from Popish Recusants*; and except also the Statute made in the thirtieth Year of the said King CHARLES the Second, intituled, *An ACT for the more effectual preserving the King's Person and Government, by disabling Papists from sitting in either House of Parliament*, shall be construed to extend to any Person or Persons dissenting from the Church of ENGLAND, that shall take the Oaths mentioned in a Statute made this present Parliament, intituled, *An ACT for removing and preventing all Questions and Disputes concerning the Assembling and Sitting of this present Parliament*; and shall make



make and subscribe the Declaration mentioned in a Statute made in the thirtieth Year of the Reign of King CHARLES the Second, intituled, *An ACT to prevent Papists from sitting in either House of Parliament :* Which Oaths and Declaration the Justices of Peace, at the General-Sessions of the Peace, to be held for the County or Place where such Person shall live, are hereby required to tender and administer to such Persons as shall offer themselves to take, make, and subscribe the same ; and thereof to keep a Register : And likewise none of the Persons aforesaid, shall give or pay, as any Fee or Reward, to any Officer or Officers belonging to the Court aforesaid, above the Sum of Six-pence, nor that more than once  
for

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Declara-  
tion to be  
registered.

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for his or their Entry of his taking the said Oaths, and making and subscribing the said Declaration; nor above the further Sum of Six-pence for any Certificate of the same, to be made out and signed by the Officer or Officers of the said Court.

Persons  
convicted,  
&c. taking  
the Oaths,  
&c. shall be  
discharged.

3. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Person and Persons already convicted, or prosecuted in order to Conviction of Recusancy, by Indictment, Information, Action of Debt, or otherwise, grounded upon the aforesaid Statutes, or any of them, that shall take the said Oaths mentioned in the said Statute made this present Parliament, and make and subscribe the Declaration aforesaid

said in the Court of *Exchequer*, or  
*Affizes*, or General or Quarter-Ses-  
 sions, to be held for the County  
 where such Person lives, and to be  
 thence respectively certified into the  
*Exchequer*, shall be thenceforth ex-  
 empted and discharged from all  
 the Penalties, Seizures, Forfeitures,  
 Judgments, and Executions, incur-  
 red by Force of any the aforesaid  
 Statutes, without any Composition,  
 Fee, or further Charge whatsoever.

4. And be it further enacted by  
 the Authority aforesaid, That all  
 and every Person and Persons, that  
 shall as aforesaid take the said  
 Oaths, and make and subscribe the  
 Declaration aforesaid, shall not be  
 liable to any Pains, Penalties, or For-  
 feitures mentioned in an Act made  
 in

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cal Court.

Private  
Meetings  
excluded

in the five and thirtieth Year of the  
Reign of the late Queen ELIZA-  
BETH, intituled, *An ACT to retain  
the Queen's Majesty's Subjects in their  
due Obedience*; nor in an ACT made  
in the two and twentieth Year  
of the Reign of the late King  
CHARLES the Second, intituled,  
*An ACT to prevent and suppress sedi-  
tious Conventicles*; nor shall any of  
the said Persons be prosecuted in  
any Ecclesiastical Court, for or by  
reason of their non-conforming to  
the Church of ENGLAND. . .  
5. **Provided** always, and be it  
**enacted** by the Authority aforesaid,  
That if any Assembly of Persons  
dissenting from the Church of ENG-  
LAND, shall be had in any Place for  
religious Worship with the Doors  
locked,

locked, barred or bolted, during any Time of such meeting together, all and every Person or Persons that shall come to and be at such Meeting, shall not receive any Benefit from this Law, but be liable to all the Pains and Penalties of all the aforesaid Laws recited in this Act, for such their Meeting, notwithstanding his taking the Oaths, and his making and subscribing the Declaration aforesaid.

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6. **Provided** always, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to exempt any of the Persons aforesaid from paying of Tithes, or other Parochial Duties, or any other Duties to the Church or Minister; nor from any Prosecution in any

Tithes  
saved.

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Ecclesiastical Court, or elsewhere  
for the same.

Officers  
scrupling  
Oaths to  
act by De-  
puty.

7. And be it further enacted  
by the Authority aforesaid, That  
if any Person dissenting from the  
Church of ENGLAND, as aforesaid,  
shall hereafter be chosen, or other-  
wise appointed to bear the Office  
of High-Constable, or Petit-Con-  
stable, Churchwarden, Overseer of  
the Poor, or any other Parochial or  
Ward-Office, and such Person shall  
scruple to take upon him any of  
the said Offices in regard of the  
Oaths, or any other Matter or  
Thing required by the Law to be  
taken or done in respect of such Of-  
fice, every such Person shall and  
may execute such Office or Em-  
ployment by a sufficient Deputy,  
by



by him to be provided, that shall  
comply with the Laws on this Be-  
half. **Provided** always, the said  
Deputy be allowed and approved by  
by such Person or Persons, in such  
Manner as such Officer or Officers  
respectively should by Law have  
been allowed and approved.

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8. And be it further enacted  
by the Authority aforesaid, That no  
Person dissenting from the Church  
of ENGLAND, in holy Orders, or  
pretended holy Orders, or pretend-  
ing to holy Orders, nor any Preacher  
or Teacher of any Congregation  
of dissenting *Protestants*, that shall  
make and subscribe the Declaration  
aforesaid, and take the said Oaths  
at the General or Quarter-Sessions  
of the Peace to be held for the

Persons  
in Orders,  
how ex-  
empted.

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County, Town, Parts or Division where such Person lives; which Court is hereby impowered to administer the same; and shall also declare his Approbation of, and subscribe the Articles of Religion, mentioned in the Statute made in the thirteenth Year of the Reign of the late Queen ELIZABETH, except the thirty-fourth, thirty-fifth, and thirty-sixth, and these Words of the twentieth Article, viz. [*The Church hath Power to decree Rites or Ceremonies, and Authority in Controversies of Faith, and yet*] shall be liable to any of the Pains or Penalties mentioned in an ACT made in the seventeenth Year of the Reign of King CHARLES the Second, intituled, *An ACT for restraining Non-conformists from inhabiting in Corporations*; nor the

the Penalties mentioned in the a-  
foresaid ACT made in the two and  
twentieth Year of his said late Ma-  
jesty's Reign, for or by reason of  
such Persons preaching at any Meet-  
ing for the Exercise of Religion;  
nor to the Penalty of one hundred  
Pounds, mentioned in an ACT made  
in the thirteenth and fourteenth of  
King CHARLES the Second, inti-  
tuled, *An ACT for the Uniformity of  
publick Prayers, and Administration  
of Sacraments, and other Rites and  
Ceremonies, and for establishing the  
Form of making, ordaining and con-  
secrating of Bishops, Priests, and Dea-  
cons, in the Church of ENGLAND,  
for officiating in any Congregation for  
the Exercise of Religion, permitted and  
allowed by this ACT.*

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Taking  
the Oaths  
to be regi-  
stered.

9. **Prohibited** always, That the making and subscribing the said Declaration, and the taking the said Oaths, and making the Declaration of Approbation and Subscription to the said Articles in Manner as aforesaid, by every respective Person or Persons herein before mentioned, at such General or Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, as aforesaid, shall be then and there entered of Record in the said Court, for which Six-pence shall be paid to the Clerk of the Peace, and no more. **Prohibited**, That such Person shall not at any Time preach in any Place, but with the Doors not locked, barred or bolted, as aforesaid.

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10. And **whereas** some dissent-  
ing *Protestants* scruple the baptizing  
of

of Infants; Be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That every Perſon in pretended holy Orders, or pretending to holy Orders, or Preacher, or Teacher, that ſhall ſubſcribe the aforeſaid Articles of Religion, except before excepted; and alſo except Part of the ſeven and twentieth Article touching Infant-Baptiſm; and ſhall take the ſaid Oaths, and make and ſubſcribe the Declaration aforeſaid, in Manner aforeſaid, every ſuch Perſon ſhall enjoy all the Privileges, Benefits, and Advantages, which any other diſſenting Miniſter, as aforeſaid, might have or enjoy by Virtue of this Act.

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II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That every

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exempt  
from Offi-  
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every Teacher or Preacher in holy Orders, or pretended holy Orders, that is a Minister, Teacher, or Preacher of a Congregation, that shall take the Oaths herein required, and make and subscribe the Declaration aforesaid, and also subscribe such of the aforesaid Articles of the Church of ENGLAND, as are required by this ACT, in Manner aforesaid, shall be thenceforth exempted from serving upon any Jury, or from being chosen or appointed to bear the Office of Churchwarden, Overseer of the Poor, or any other Parochial or Ward-Office, or other Office, in any Hundred of any Shire, City, Town, Parish, Division, or Wapentake.

12. And



12. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Justice of the Peace, may at any Time hereafter require any Person that goes to any Meeting for Exercise of Religion, to make and subscribe the Declaration aforesaid, and also to take the said Oaths or Declaration of Fidelity herein after-mentioned, in case such Person scruples the taking of an Oath ; and upon Refusal thereof, such Justice of the Peace is hereby required to commit such Person to Prison, without Bail or Mainprize, and to certify the Name of such Person to the next General or Quarter-Sessions of the Peace to be held for that County, City, Town, Part or Division, where such Person then resides ; and if such Person so committed, shall

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Oaths.

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upon a second Tender, at a General or Quarter-Sessions, refuse to make and subscribe the Declaration aforesaid, such Person refusing shall be then and there recorded, and he shall be taken thenceforth to all Intents and Purposes, for a *Popish* Recusant Convict, and suffer accordingly, and incur all the Penalties and Forfeitures of all the aforesaid Laws.

Quakers  
how ex-  
empt.

13. And **whereas** there are certain other Persons, Dissenters from the Church of ENGLAND, who scruple the taking of any Oath; Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every such Person shall make and subscribe the aforesaid Declaration, and also this Declaration of Fidelity following, viz.

I A. B.

I A. B. do sincerely promise, and solemnly declare, before God and the World, that I will be true and faithful to King WILLIAM and Queen MARY; and I do solemnly profess and declare, That I do from my Heart abhor, detest, and renounce, as impious and heretical, that damnable Doctrine and Position, That Princes excommunicated or deprived by the Pope, or any Authority of the See of Rome, may be deposed or murdered by their Subjects, or any other whatsoever. And I do declare, That no Foreign Prince, Person, Prelate, State, or Potentate, hath or ought to have any Power, Jurisdiction, Superiority, Pre-eminence, or Authority, Ecclesiastical, or Spiritual, within this Realm.

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tion of Fi-  
delity.



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And shall subscribe a Profession  
of their *Christian* Belief in these  
Words :

Profession  
of Belief.

*I A. B. profess Faith in God the  
Father, and in Jesus Christ his eter-  
nal Son, the true God, and in the  
holy Spirit, one God blessed for ever-  
more ; and do acknowledge the holy  
Scriptures of the old and new Testa-  
ment to be given by divine Inspira-  
tion.*

Which Declarations and Sub-  
scription shall be made and entered  
of Record, at the General Quarter-  
Sessions of the Peace for the County,  
City, or Place, where every such  
Person shall then reside. And every  
such Person that shall make and  
subscribe the two Declarations and  
Profession

Profession aforeſaid, being thereunto required, ſhall be exempted from all the Pains and Penalties of all and every the aforeſaid Statutes made againſt *Popiſh* Recuſants, or *Proteſtant* Non-conformiſts; and alſo from the Penalties of an ACT made in the fifth Year of the Reign of the late Queen ELIZABETH, intituled, *An ACT for the Assurance of the Queen's royal Power over all Eſtates and Subjects within her Dominions*, for or by reaſon of ſuch Perſons not taking or reſuſing to take the Oath mentioned in the ſaid ACT; and alſo from the Penalties of an ACT made in the thirteenth and fourteenth Years of the Reign of King CHARLES the ſecond, intituled, *An ACT for preventing Miſchiefs that may ariſe by certain Perſons*

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*Persons called Quakers refusing to take lawful Oaths,* and enjoy all other the Benefits, Privileges and Advantages, under the like Limitations, Provisoes, and Conditions, which any other Dissenters shall or ought to enjoy by Virtue of this Act.

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ged after  
refusing to  
take the  
Oaths.

14. **Prohibited** always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case any Person shall refuse to take the said Oaths when rendered to them, which every Justice of the Peace is hereby impowered to do, such Person shall not be admitted to make and subscribe the two Declarations aforesaid, though required thereunto, either before any Justice of the Peace, or at the General or Quarter Sessions, before or after



after any Conviction of *Papish* Recusancy as aforesaid, unless such Person can within thirty-one Days after such Tender of the Declarations to him, produce two sufficient *Protestant* Witnesses, to testify upon Oath, That they believe him to be a *Protestant* Dissenter, or a Certificate under the Hands of four *Protestants*, who are conformable to the Church of ENGLAND, or have taken the Oaths and subscribed the Declaration above mentioned; and shall also produce a Certificate under the Hands and Seals of six or more sufficient Men, of the Congregation to which he belongs, owning him for one of them.

15. **Provided** also, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That

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and well  
and after  
returning to  
take the  
Oaths.

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That until such Certificate, under the Hands of six of his Congregation, as aforesaid, be produced, and two *Protestant* Witnesses come to attest his being a *Protestant* Dissenter, or a Certificate under the Hands of four *Protestants*, as aforesaid, be produced, the Justice of the Peace shall, and hereby is required to take a Recognizance with two Sureties, in the penal Sum of fifty Pounds, to be levied of his Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements, to the Use of the King and Queen's Majesties, their Heirs and Successors, for his producing the same ; and if he cannot give such Security, to commit him to Prison, there to remain, until he has produced such Certificates, or two Witnesses as aforesaid.

16. **Provided** always, and it is the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, that all the Laws made and provided for the frequenting divine Service on the Lord's Day, commonly called *Sunday*, shall be still in Force, and executed against all Persons that offend against the said Laws, except such Persons come to some Congregation or Assembly of religious Worship, allowed or permitted by this Act.

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Laws for  
divine Ser-  
vice in  
Force.

17. **Provided** always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that neither this Act, nor any Clause, Article, or Thing, herein contained, shall extend, or be construed to extend, to give any Ease, Benefit or Advantage, to any *Papist* or *Popish* Recusant whatso-

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liam and  
Mary.  
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in his Preaching or Writing, the  
Doctrine of the blessed Trinity, as  
it is declared in the aforefaid Arti-  
cles of Religion.

Disturbers  
how punish-  
ed.

18. **Provided** always, and be it  
**enacted** by the Authority aforefaid,  
That if any Person or Persons, at any  
Time or Times, after the tenth Day  
of *June*, do and shall willingly,  
and of Purpose, maliciously or con-  
temptuously, come into any Cathe-  
dral or Parish Church, Chapel, or  
other Congregation, permitted by  
this Act, and disquiet or disturb  
the same, or misuse any Preacher or  
Teacher ; such Person or Persons,  
upon Proof thereof, before any  
Justice of Peace, by two or more  
sufficient Witnesses, shall find two  
Sureties

Sureties to be bound by Recognizance, in the penal Sum of fifty Pounds ; and in Default of such Sureties, shall be committed to Prison, there to remain till the next General or Quarter-Sessions ; and upon Conviction of the said Offence, at the said General or Quarter-Sessions, shall suffer the Pain and Penalty of twenty Pounds, to the Use of the King and Queen's Majesties, their Heirs and Successors.

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19. **Provided** always, That no Congregation, or Assembly for religious Worship, shall be permitted or allowed by this Act, until the Place of such Meeting shall be certified to the Bishop of the Diocese, or to the Archdeacon of that Archdeaconry, or to the Justices of the

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Worship to  
be certified.

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Peace, at the General or Quarter-  
Sessions of the Peace, for the Coun-  
ty, City, or Place, in which such  
Meeting shall be held, and register-  
ed in the said Bishop's or Archdea-  
con's Court, respectively, or  
recorded at the said General or  
Quarter-Sessions; the Register or  
Clerk of the Peace whereof respect-  
ively, is hereby required to register  
the same, and to give Certificate  
thereof to such Person as shall de-  
mand the same, for which there  
shall be none greater Fee nor Re-  
ward taken than the Sum of Six-  
pence.

NUMBER



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*An ACT for the more easy  
Recovery of small Tithes.*

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I. **F**OR the more easy and  
effectual Recovery of small  
Tithes, and the Value of them,  
where the same shall be unduly  
subtracted and detained, where the  
same do not amount to above the  
Yearly Value of forty Shillings from  
any one Person; Be it **enacted** by  
the King's most excellent Majesty,  
by and with the Advice and Con-  
sent of the Lord's spiritual and  
temporal, and Commons in this  
present Parliament assembled, and  
by the Authority of the same, That  
all and every Person and Persons  
shall

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shall henceforth well and truly set  
out and pay all and singular the  
Tithes, commonly called small  
Tithes, and Compositions and A-  
greements for the same, with all  
Offerings, Oblations, and Obven-  
tions, to the several Rectors, Vicars,  
and other Persons to whom they  
are or shall be due, in their several  
Parishes within this Kingdom of  
ENGLAND, and Dominion of  
WALES, and Town of *Berwick*  
upon *Tweed*, according to the  
Rights, Customs and Prescriptions  
commonly used within the said  
Parishes respectively; and if any  
Person or Persons shall hereafter  
subtract or withdraw, or any ways  
fail in the true Payment of such  
small Tithes, Offerings, Oblations,  
Obventions or Compositions, as  
aforesaid,

aforesaid, by the Space of twenty Days at most after Demand thereof, then it shall and may be lawful for the Person or Persons to whom the same shall be due, to make his or their Complaint in Writing unto two or more of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace within that County, Riding, City, Town-corporate, Place or Division, where the same shall grow due; (neither of which Justices of the Peace is to be Patron of the Church or Chapel whence the said Tithes do or shall arise, nor any ways interested in such Tithes, Offerings, Oblations, Obventions, or Compositions aforesaid.)

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Complaint  
to two Just-  
ices upon  
Non-pay-  
ment in  
twenty  
Days.

2. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if hereafter any Suit or Complaint shall

Two or  
more Justi-  
ces may de-  
termine the  
Complaint.



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shall be brought to two or more Justices of the Peace as aforesaid, concerning small Tithes, Offerings, Oblations, Obventions, or Compositions, as aforesaid, the said Justices are hereby authorized and required, to summon in Writing under their Hands and Seals, by reasonable Warning, every such Person or Persons against whom any Complaint shall be made, as aforesaid; and after his or their Appearance, or upon Default of their Appearance, the said Warning or Summons being proved before them upon Oath, the said Justices of Peace, or any two or more of them, shall proceed to hear and determine the said Complaint, and upon the Proofs, Evidences and Testimonies, produced before them, shall in Writing

Writing under their Hands and  
Seals, adjudge the Case, and give  
such reasonable Allowance and Com-  
pensation for such Tithes, Obla-  
tions, and Compositions, so sub-  
tracted or withheld, as they shall  
judge to be just and reasonable, and  
also such Costs and Charges, not  
exceeding ten Shillings, as upon  
the Merits of the Cause shall ap-  
pear just.

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3. And be it further enacted,  
That if any Person or Persons shall  
refuse or neglect, by the Space of  
ten Days after Notice given, to pay  
or satisfy any such Sum of Money,  
as upon such Complaint and Pro-  
ceeding, shall by two or more Just-  
ices of the Peace be adjudged, as  
aforesaid, in every such Case the

Justices  
are empow-  
ered to  
grant War-  
rants for  
Distress and  
taking it.

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Constables

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Constables and Churchwardens of the said Parish, or one of them, shall by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of the said Justices to them directed, distrain the Goods and Chattels of the Party so refusing or neglecting, as aforesaid, and after detaining them three Days, in case the said Sum so adjudged to be paid, together with reasonable Charges for making and detaining the said Distress, be not tendred or paid by the said Party in the mean Time, shall and may make publick Sale of the same, and pay to the Party complaining so much of the Money arising by such Sale as may satisfy the said Sum so adjudged, retaining to themselves such reasonable Charges for making and keeping the said Distress, as the said Justice shall



shall think fit, and shall tender the Overplus (if any be) to the Owner.

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4. **Provided** always, and be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for all Justices of Peace, in the Examination of all Matters offered to them by this Act, to administer an Oath or Oaths, to any Witness or Witnesses, where the same shall be necessary for their Information, and for the better Discovery of the Truth.

Justices  
may ex-  
amine Wit-  
nesses upon  
Oath.

5. **Provided** also, and be it enacted, That this Act, or any Thing herein contained, shall not extend to any Tithes, Oblations, Payments or Obventions, within the City of London, or Liberties thereof, nor to any other City or

Cities and  
Towns-  
corporate  
excepted.

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Town-corporate, where the same are settled by any Act of Parliament in that Case particularly made and provided.

Complaint  
to be with-  
in two  
Years.

6. **Provided** also, and be it enacted, That no Complaint for or concerning any small Tithes, Offerings, Oblations, Obventions or Compositions, hereafter due, shall be heard and determined by any Justices of the Peace, by Virtue of this Act, unless the Complaint shall be made within the Space of two Years next after the Times that the same Tithes, Oblations, Obventions and Compositions, did become due or payable; any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

7. **Provided** also, and be it Anno 1695.  
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**enacted**, That any Person finding Appeal to  
Sessions.  
 him, her, or themselves aggrieved,  
 by any Judgment to be given by  
 any two Justices of the Peace, shall  
 and may appeal to the next General  
 Quarter-Sessions, to be held for  
 that County, Riding, City, Town-  
 corporate or Division; and the  
 Justices of the Peace there pre-  
 sent, or the major Part of them,  
 shall proceed finally to hear and  
 determine the Matter, and to re-  
 verse the said Judgment, if they  
 shall see Cause; and if the said  
 Justices then present, or the major  
 Part of them, shall find Cause to  
 confirm the Judgment given by the  
 first two Justices of the Peace, they  
 shall then decree the same by Order  
 of Sessions, and shall also proceed  
 to



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Justices  
at Sessions  
may give  
Costs.

to give such Costs against the Appellant, to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Appellant, as to them shall seem just and reasonable; and no Proceedings or Judgment had, or to be had, by Virtue of this ACT, shall be removed or superseded by any Writ of *Certiorari*, or other Writ, out of his Majesty's Courts at *Westminster*, or any other Court whatsoever, unless the Title of such Tithes, Oblations or Obventions, shall be in Question; any Law, Statute, Custom or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Justices  
on Composition  
ordered to  
pay Costs.

8. **Provided** always, and be it enacted, That where any Person or Persons complained of for subtracting or with-holding any small Tithes,

Tithes, or other Duties aforesaid, shall before the Justices of the Peace, to whom such Complaint is made, insist upon any Prescription, Composition, or *Modus decimandi*, Agreement, or Title, whereby he or she is, or ought to be freed from Payment of the said Tithes, or other Dues in Question, and deliver the same in Writing to the said Justices of the Peace, subscribed by him or her, and shall then give to the Party complaining reasonable and sufficient Security, to the Satisfaction of the said Justices, to pay all such Costs and Damages, as upon a Trial at Law, to be had for that Purpose, in any of his Majesty's Courts, having Cognizance of that Matter, shall be given against him, her, or them, in case the said Prescription, Compo-

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Justice  
may give  
Sells

Tithes

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Composition, or *Modus decimandi*, shall not upon the said Trial be allowed, That in that Case, the said Justices of the Peace shall forbear to give any Judgment in the Matter ; and that then and in such Case the Person or Persons so complaining, shall and may be at Liberty to prosecute such Person or Persons for their said Subtraction in any other Court or Courts whatsoever, where he, she, or they, might have sued before the making of this Act ; any Thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Judgment  
to be enrol-  
led.

9. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person and Persons who shall by Virtue of this Act obtain any Judgment, or against whom any Judgment



Judgment shall be obtained, before any Justices of the Peace out of Sessions, for small Tithes, Oblations, Obventions, or Compositions, shall cause or procure the said Judgment to be enrolled at the next General Quarter-Sessions to be holden for the said County, City, Riding or Division; and the Clerk of the Peace for the said County, City, Riding or Division, is hereby required, upon Tender thereof, to enroll the same; and that he shall not ask or receive for the Enrolment of any one Judgment, any Fee or Reward exceeding one Shilling; and that the Judgment so enrolled, and Satisfaction made, by paying the Sum so adjudged, shall be a good Bar to conclude the said Rectors, Vicars, and other Persons,

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from any other Remedy for the said small Tithes, Oblations, Obventions, or Compositions, for which the said Judgment was obtained.

Justices of  
one County  
may certify  
their Judgment  
to  
Justices of  
another.

10. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons against whom any such Judgment or Judgments shall be had, as aforesaid, shall remove out of the County, Riding, City or Corporation, after Judgment had, as aforesaid, and before the levying the Sum or Sums thereby adjudged to be levied, the Justices of the Peace, who made the said Judgment, or one of them, shall certify the same under his or their Hands and Seals, to any Justice of Peace of such other County, City or Place, wherein the said Person or Persons

Persons shall be Inhabitants; which said Justice is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to be directed to the Constables or Churchwardens of the Place, or one of them, to levy the Sum or Sums, so adjudged to be levied, as aforesaid, upon the Goods and Chattels of such Person or Persons, as fully as the said other Justices might have done, if he, she or they, had not removed as aforesaid, which shall be paid according to the said Judgment.

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II. **Provided** always, and be it enacted, That no Vicar, or other Person, shall have Remedy to recover small Tithes, or other Dues aforesaid, which became, or were due, before the making of this Act,

Complaint  
limited.



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unless Complaint be made to the Justices of the Peace, in Form aforesaid, before the first Day of October, which shall be in the Year of our Lord, one Thousand six Hundred and ninety-six.

Justices to  
give Costs  
not exceed-  
ing 10 s.

12. And it is hereby **declared** and **enacted**, That the said Justices of the Peace, who shall hear and determine any of the Matters aforesaid, shall have Power to give Costs, not exceeding ten Shillings, to the Party prosecuted, if they shall find the Complaint to be false and vexatious; which Costs shall be levied in Manner and Form aforesaid.

Recovery  
of double  
Costs.

13. **Provided** also, and be it further **enacted**, That if any Person or Persons shall be sued for any Thing

Thing done in Execution of this Act, and the Plaintiff in such Suit shall discontinue his Action, or be nonsuit, or a Verdict pass against him, that then, in any of the said Cases, such Person or Persons shall recover double Costs.

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of William  
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14. **Provided** always, That any Clerk, or other Person, or Persons, who shall begin any Suit for Recovery of small Tithes, Oblations, or Obventions, not exceeding the Value of forty Shillings, in his Majesty's Court of *Exchequer*, or in any the Ecclesiastical Courts, shall have no Benefit by this Act, or any Clause in it, for the same Matter for which he or they have so sued.

Suits not  
above 40s.  
to have no  
Benefit.

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7th and 8th  
of William  
III.  
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15. **Provided** always, and be it further enacted, That this Act shall continue for the Space of three Years, and from thence to the End of the next Session of Parliament, and no longer.

in the seventh and eighth years of his present Majesty's reign, intituled, An Act for the more speedy Recovery of small Tithes, and for the better and necessary, and to be in the said Act, was to continue but three Years, and to the End of the next Session of Parliament, and is enacted by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords spiritual



## NUMBER III.

*An ACT, for continuing an*  
*ACT for the more easy Recovery*  
*of small Tithes.*

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 10th and  
 11th of  
 William  
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**W**hereas an ACT made in the seventh and eighth Years of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An ACT for the more easy Recovery of small Tithes*, has been by Experience found very useful and necessary ; and **whereas** the said ACT was to continue but three Years, and to the End of the next Session of Parliament, and is now near expiring ; Be it therefore **enacted** by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords spiritual

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10th and  
11th of  
William  
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spiritual and temporal, and Com-  
mons in this present Parliament  
assembled, and by the Authority of  
the same, That the said recited  
Act, with all the Clauses and  
Powers therein contained, shall  
continue and be in Force for the  
Space of seven Years, from and  
after the Expiration thereof, as  
aforesaid, and from thence to the  
End of the next Session of Parlia-  
ment and no longer.

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NUMBER IV.

*In an ACT, intituled, An*

Anno 1704.  
3d and 4th  
of Anne.  
Chap. 18.

ACT for making perpetual an

ACT, for the more easy Reco-

very of small Tithes, &c. is the

following Clause viz.

**W**hereas divers temporary  
Laws, which by Experi-

Act for  
small Tithes  
made per-  
petual.

ence have been found beneficial and

useful, are expired or near expiring;

therefore, for continuing the same,

Be it enacted by the Queen's most

excellent Majesty, by and with the

Advice and Consent of the Lords

Spiritual and temporal, and Com-

mons in this present Parliament

assembled, and by the Authority of

the same, That an ACT made in

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Anno 1704.  
3d and 4th  
of Anne.  
Chap. 18.

the Session of Parliament held in the seventh and eighth Years of the Reign of the late King WILLIAM the third, intituled, [*An ACT for the more easy Recovery of small Tithes*] which was to continue for three Years, and from thence to the End of the next Session of Parliament ; which ACT was further continued by an ACT made in the tenth and eleventh Years of the Reign of the said King WILLIAM the third, for seven Years from the Expiration thereof, which will expire at the End of the next Session of Parliament, after the Year one Thousand seven Hundred and five, shall be, and is hereby continued, and shall be in Force, and be made perpetual.

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## NUMBER V.

An ACT, *that the solemn* Anno 1695,  
*Affirmation and Declaration of the* 7th and 8th  
*People called Quakers, shall be ac-* of William  
*cepted instead of an Oath in the* III.  
*usual Form.* Chap. 34.

**W**hereas divers Dissent- Preamble.  
 ers, commonly called  
 Quakers, refusing to take an Oath in  
 Courts of Justice, and other Places,  
 are frequently imprisoned, and their  
 Estates sequestred by Process of  
 Contempt issuing out of such  
 Courts, to the Ruin of themselves  
 and Families: For Remedy there-  
 of, Be it enacted by the King's  
 most excellent Majesty, by and with  
 the Advice and Consent of the  
 H<sup>2</sup> Lords

Anno 1695. Lords spiritual and temporal, and  
 7th and 8th Commons in this present Parlia-  
 ment assembled, and by the Autho-  
 rity of the same, That from and  
 after the fourth Day of *May*, which  
 shall be in the Year of our Lord one  
 Thousand six Hundred ninety-six,  
 every *Quaker* within this King-  
 dom of ENGLAND, Dominion of  
 WALES, or Town of *Berwick* upon  
*Tweed*, who shall be required upon  
 any lawful Occasion to take an  
 Oath in any Case, where by Law an  
 Oath is required, shall instead of  
 the usual Form, be permitted to  
 make his or her solemn Affirmation  
 or Declaration in these Words fol-  
 lowing, *viz.*

Quakers  
 instead of  
 an Oath to  
 make a so-  
 lemn Af-  
 firmation.

*I A. B. do declare in the Presence  
 of Almighty God, the Witness of the  
 Truth of what I say.*

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2. Which said solemn Affirmation or Declaration, shall be adjudged and taken, and is hereby enacted and Declared to be of the same Force and Effect, to all Intents and Purposes, in all Courts of Justice, and other Places, where by Law an Oath is required, within this Kingdom of ENGLAND, Dominion of WALES, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, as if such Quaker had taken an Oath in the usual Form.

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7th and 8th  
of William  
III.  
Chap. 34.

Affirmation as valid in Law as an Oath.

3. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Quaker, making such solemn Affirmation or Declaration, shall be lawfully convicted, wilfully, falsely, and corruptly, to have affirmed or declared any Matter or Thing, which,

Penalty on Quakers making false Affirmation.

Which

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of William  
III.  
Chap. 34.

which, if the same had been in the usual Form, would have amounted to wilful and corrupt Perjury, every such *Quaker* so offending, shall incur the same Penalties and Forfeitures, as by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm are enacted against Persons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury.

Tithes  
and Church  
Rates to be  
paid.

4. And ~~whereas~~ by reason of a pretended Scruple of Conscience, *Quakers* do refuse to pay Tithes and Church-Rates; Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That where any *Quaker* shall refuse to pay, or compound for his great or small Tithes, or to pay any Church-Rates, it shall and may be lawful to and for the two next Justices of the Peace of the same County  
(other

(other than such Justice of the Peace as is Patron of the Church or Chapel, whence the said Tithes do or shall arise, or any ways interested in the said Tithes) upon the Complaint of any Parson, Vicar, Farmer, or Proprietor of Tithes, Churchwarden or Churchwardens, who ought to have, receive or collect the same, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, to convene before them such *Quaker* or *Quakers* neglecting or refusing to pay or compound for the same, and to examine upon Oath; which Oath the said Justices are hereby impowered to administer, or in such Manner as by this Act is provided, the Truth and Justice of the said Complaint, and to ascertain and state what is due and payable by such *Quaker*

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of William  
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*Quakers*  
to be sum-  
moned by  
the Justi-  
ces.



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of William  
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*Quaker* or *Quakers* to the Party or Parties complaining, and by Order under their Hands and Seals, to direct and appoint the Payment thereof, so as the Sum ordered, as afore said, do not exceed ten Pounds; and upon Refusal by such *Quaker* or *Quakers* to pay according to such Order, it shall and may be lawful to and for any one of the said Justices, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to levy the Money thereby ordered to be paid, by Distress and Sale of Goods of such Offender, his Executors or Administrators, rendering only the Overplus to him, her, or them, necessary Charges of Distraining being thereout first deducted and allowed by the said Justice; and any Person finding him, her, or themselves, aggrieved by any  
Judgment

Judgment given by such two Justices of the Peace, shall and may appeal to the next General Quarter-Sessions to be held for the County, Riding, City, Liberty, or Town-corporate; and the Justices of the Peace there present, or the major Part of them, shall proceed finally to hear and determine the Matter, and to reverse the said Judgment, if they shall see Cause; and if the Justices then present, or the major Part of them, shall find Cause to continue the Judgment given by the first two Justices of the Peace, they shall then decree the same by Order of Sessions, and shall also proceed to give such Costs against the Appellant, to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Appellant, as

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Appeal  
to Quarter-  
Sessions.

Finally  
determined.

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of William  
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to them shall seem just and reasonable: And no Proceedings or Judgment had, or to be had, by Virtue of this ACT, shall be removed or superseded by any Writ of *Certiorari*, or other Writ out of his Majesty's Courts at *Westminster*, or any other Court whatsoever, unless the Title of such Tithes shall be in Question.

Warrant  
stopt on  
Appeal.

5. **Prohibited** always, That in case any such Appeal be made, as aforesaid, no Warrant of Distress shall be granted until after such Appeal shall be determined.

6. **Prohibited** and be it enacted, That no *Quaker*, or reputed *Quaker*, shall by Virtue of this ACT be qualified or permitted to give Evidence  
in



in any criminal Causes, or serve on any Juries, or bear any Office or Place of Profit in the Government; any Thing in this ACT contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

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7th and 8th  
of William  
III.  
Chap. 34.

7. **Provided**, That this ACT shall continue in Force for the Space of seven Years, and from thence to the End of the next Session of Parliament, and no longer.

To continue seven  
Years.

## NUMBER VI.

Anno 1701.  
13th and  
14th of  
William  
III.  
Chap. 4.

*An ACT, for continuing an  
ACT, intituled, An ACT that  
the solemn Affirmation and De-  
claration of the People called  
Quakers, shall be accepted instead  
of an Oath in the usual Form.*

**W**H<sup>EREAS</sup> an ACT made in  
the seventh and eighth  
Years of his present Majesty's  
Reign, intituled, *An ACT that the  
solemn Affirmation and Declaration of  
the People called Quakers, shall be  
accepted instead of an Oath in the  
usual Form*, was made to continue  
for seven Years, and from thence  
to the End of the next Sessions of  
Parliament, and the same will ex-

pire

pire at the End of the next Sessions  
of Parliament, after the two and  
twentieth Day of *November* next ;  
now, for the further avoiding the  
Inconveniencies in the said Act  
mentioned, to those People and  
their Families, Be it **enacted** by the  
the King's most excellent Majesty,  
by and with the Advice and Consent  
of the Lords spiritual and tem-  
poral, and Commons in this present  
Parliament assembled, and by the  
Authority of the same, That the  
said recited Act, with all the  
Clauses and Powers therein con-  
tained, shall continue and be in  
Force, for and during the Term of  
eleven Years, after the Determina-  
tion of the said Act, and from  
thence to the End of the next Ses-  
sion of Parliament.

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14th of  
William  
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## NUMBER VII.

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George I.  
Chap. 6.

*An ACT, for making perpetual an ACT of the seventh and eighth Years of the Reign of his late Majesty King WILLIAM the Third, intituled, An ACT that the solemn Affirmation and Declaration of the People called Quakers, shall be accepted instead of an Oath in the usual Form, and for explaining and enforcing the said ACT, in relation to the Payment of Tithes and Church-Rates; and for appointing the Form of an Affirmation to be taken by the said People called Quakers, instead of the Oath of Abjuration.*

whereas

I. **W**hereas an ACT made Anno 1714.  
 in the seventh and 1st of  
 eighth Years of his late Majesty's George I.  
 Reign, intituled, *An ACT that the* Chap. 6.  
*solemn Affirmation and Declaration of*  
*the People called Quakers, shall be*  
*accepted instead of an Oath in the*  
*usual Form,* was made to continue  
 for seven Years, and from thence to  
 the End of the next Session of Par-  
 liament, which ACT would have  
 expired at the End of the next Ses-  
 sion of Parliament, after the two  
 and twentieth Day of *November*, in  
 the Year of our Lord one Thousand  
 seven Hundred and two, which  
 Session began the ninth Day of *No-*  
*vember*, in the Year of our Lord  
 one Thousand seven Hundred and  
 three, and ended the third Day of  
*April*, in the Year of our Lord one  
 Thousand

Preamble.

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Thousand seven Hundred and four;  
 but by another Act of Parliament  
 made in the thirteenth Year of his  
 said late Majesty's Reign, intituled,  
*An Act for continuing an Act,*  
*intituled, An Act that the solemn*  
*Affirmation and Declaration of the*  
*People called Quakers, shall be ac-*  
*cepted instead of an Oath in the usual*  
*Form,* was continued for the Term  
 of eleven Years, after the Determi-  
 nation of the said Act, and from  
 thence to the End of the next Ses-  
 sion of Parliament: And whereas  
 the said several Acts will expire at  
 the End of the next Session of Par-  
 liament, after the third Day of April,  
 one Thousand seven Hundred and  
 fifteen: Now, for the further avoid-  
 ing of the Inconveniencies, in the  
 said first recited Act mentioned, to  
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the People called *Quakers* and their Families, Be it enacted by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords spiritual and temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the first recited Act, and all the Clauses and Powers therein contained, shall continue and be in Force for ever, as to all Oaths by Law required, or hereafter to be required, other than, and except, as in the said first recited Act is excepted.

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George I.  
Chap. 6.

The Act  
made per-  
petual.

2. And whereas by the said Act made in the seventh Year of the Reign of King WILLIAM the Third, a Remedy is provided for the Recovery of Tithes and Church-  
Rates,

Clause for  
Recovery of  
Tithes.

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Rates,

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Rates, where any *Quaker* should refuse to pay the same: Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That such Remedy shall be, and is hereby extended, and the like Remedy shall and may be had and used against any *Quaker* or *Quakers*, for the recovering of any Tithes, or Rates, or any customary or other Rights, Dues or Payments, belonging to any Church or Chapel, which of Right by Law and Custom ought to be paid, for the Stipend or Maintenance of any Minister or Curate officiating in any Church or Chapel: and any two or more Justices of the Peace of the same County or Place, other than such Justice of the Peace as is Patron of any such Church or Chapel, or any ways interested in the said Tithes, upon Complaint

Complaint of any Parson, Vicar, Anno 1714.  
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Curate, Farmer, or Proprietor, of  
such Tithes, or any Churchwarden,  
or Chapelwarden, or other Person  
who ought to have, receive or col-  
lect any such Tithes, Rates, Dues  
or Payments, as aforesaid, are here-  
by authorized and required to sum-  
mon in Writing, under their Hands  
and Seals, by reasonable Warning,  
such Quaker or Quakers, against  
whom such Complaint shall be  
made, and after his or their Ap-  
pearance, or upon Default of Ap-  
pearance, the said Warning or Sum-  
mons being proved before them  
upon Oath, to proceed to hear and  
determine the said Complaint, and  
to make such Order therein, as in  
the said Act is limited or directed,  
and also to order such Costs and  
Charges



Anno 1744.  
1st of  
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Charges as they shall think reasonable, not exceeding ten Shillings, as upon the Merits of the Cause shall appear just; which Order shall and may be so executed, and on such Appeal, may be reversed or affirmed by the General Quarter-Sessions of the County or Place, with such Costs and Remedy for the same, and shall not be removed into any other Court, unless the Titles of such Tithes, Dues or Payments shall be in Question, in like Manner as in and by the same ACT is limited and provided.

3. And ~~whereas~~ several Disputes have arisen, concerning the Effect of the Abjuration to be taken by the People called *Quakers*, upon their solemn Affirmation, as direct-  
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ed by an Act of Parliament made in the sixth Year of her late Majesty's Reign: Now, for preventing the like Inconveniencies for the future, Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in all Cases where ever the Effect of the said Abjuration - Oath may be legally tendered, or required of the said People called *Quakers*, or any of them, he or they shall take the Effect thereof in the following Words, (*that is to say*)

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I A. B. do truly and sincerely acknowledge, profess, testify and declare, in the Presence of Almighty God, the Witness of the Truth of what I say, That King GEORGE is lawful and rightful King of this Realm, and of all other his Dominions and Countries thereunto

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tion.

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*thereunto belonging. And I do solemnly and sincerely declare, That I do believe the Person pretended to be the Prince of WALES, during the Life of the late King JAMES, and since his Decease, pretending to be, and taking upon himself the Stile and Title of King of ENGLAND, by the Name of JAMES the Third, or of SCOTLAND, by the Name of JAMES the Eighth, or the Stile and Title of King of GREAT BRITAIN, hath not any Right or Title whatsoever to the Crown of this Realm, nor any other the Dominions thereunto belonging; and I do renounce and refuse any Allegiance or Obedience to him. And I do solemnly promise, That I will be true and faithful, and bear true Allegiance to King GEORGE, and to him will be faithful against all traiterous*  
*Conspiracies*



*Conspiracies and Attempts whatsoever, which shall be made against his Person, Crown, or Dignity. And I will do my best Endeavour to disclose and make known to King GEORGE, and his Successors, all Treasons or traiterous Conspiracies, which I shall know to be made against him, or any of them. And I will be true and faithful to the Succession of the Crown, against him the said JAMES, and all other Persons whatsoever, as the same is, and stands settled by an ACT, intituled, An ACT, declaring the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, and settling the Succession of the Crown to the late Queen ANNE, and the Heirs of her Body, being Protestants; and as the same, by one other ACT, intituled, An ACT for the further Limitation of the Crown,*

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and better securing the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, is, and stands settled and intailed, after the Decease of the said late Queen, and, for Default of Issue of the said late Queen, to the late Princess SOPHIA, Electress and Dutches Dowager of HANOVER, and the Heirs of her Body, being *Protestants*. *And all these Things I do plainly and sincerely acknowledge, promise, and declare, according to these express Words by me spoken, and according to the plain and common Sense and Understanding of the same Words, without any Equivocation, mental Evasion, or secret Reservation whatsoever. And I do make this Recognition, Acknowledgment, Renunciation and Promise, heartily, willingly, and truly.*

4. **Provided** always, That so much of this Act as relates to the Affirmations to be made by the People called *Quakers*, shall be extended to that Part of GREAT BRITAIN, called SCOTLAND, for ever, and to the Plantations belonging to the Crown of GREAT BRITAIN for five Years, and to the End of the next Session of Parliament after the said five Years, and no longer.

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Extended  
to Scotland.

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## NUMBER VIII.

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*An ACT, for granting the  
People called Quakers, such Forms  
of Affirmation or Declaration, as  
may remove the Difficulties which  
many of them lie under.*

Recital  
of several  
former  
Acts.

I. **W**hereas for giving some  
Ease to scrupulous  
Consciences, an ACT was made in  
the first Year of the Reign of their  
late Majesties King WILLIAM and  
Queen Mary, intituled, [*An ACT  
for exempting their Majesties Pro-  
testant Subjects, dissenting from the  
Church of ENGLAND, from the Pe-  
nalties of certain Laws*] whereby  
(among other Things) a Declara-  
tion of Fidelity, in the Form there-  
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in expresse, is appointed to be made and subscribed by certain Persons, Dissenters from the Church of ENGLAND, who scruple the taking of any Oath : And ~~whereas~~ an ACT was made in the seventh and eighth Years of the Reign of his said late Majesty King WILLIAM the Third, intituled, [*An ACT that the solemn Affirmation and Declaration of the People called Quakers, shall be accepted instead of an Oath in the usual Form*] under the Provisoos therein mentioned ; which ACT being at first temporary, was afterwards further continued by an ACT made in the thirteenth and fourteenth Years of the Reign of his said late Majesty ; and the same ACT is made perpetual by an ACT made in the first Year of his present Majesty's

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Reign ; by which last mentioned Act, a Form, importing the Effect of the Abjuration Oath, is prescribed to be taken by the said People called *Quakers* : And ~~whereas~~ the Inconveniencies to the said People called *Quakers*, and their Families, and to others requiring their Testimony, in many Cases, are not sufficiently avoided, by reason of Difficulties among the said *Quakers*, relating to the Forms of the Declaration, Affirmation and Abjuration, before mentioned, as the same are now prescribed : And ~~whereas~~ it is evident, that the said People called *Quakers*, have not abused the Liberty and Indulgence allowed to them by Law ; and they have given Testimony of their Fidelity and Affection to his Majesty, and the Settlement



Settlement of the Crown in the *Protestant* Line; and it is reasonable to give them farther Ease and Relief: May it therefore please your most excellent Majesty, That it may be enacted, and be it enacted by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lord's spiritual and temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That in all Cases, where, by Law, any *Quaker* is, or shall be required or permitted to make and subscribe the Declaration of Fidelity, in the Form prescribed by the said first mentioned Act, or to make the solemn Affirmation or Declaration, in the Form prescribed by the said Act of the seventh and eighth Years

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Reason-  
ableness of  
this Act.

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Years of the Reign of his said late Majesty King WILLIAM the Third, or to take the Effect of the Abjuration Oath, in the Form prescribed by the said Act of the first Year of his present Majesty's Reign, every such *Quaker*, shall, instead of such first mentioned Declaration of Fidelity, make and subscribe a Declaration of Fidelity in the following Words, viz.

Form of  
the Decla-  
ration of  
Fidelity.

*I A. B. do solemnly and sincerely promise and declare, That I will be true and faithful to King GEORGE, and do solemnly, sincerely, and truly profess, testify, and declare, That I do from my Heart abhor, detest, and renounce, as impious and heretical, that wicked Doctrine and Position, That Princes excommunicated or deprived*  
by

*by the Pope, or any Authority of the See of Rome, may be deposed or murdered by their Subjects, or any other whatsoever. And I do declare, That no foreign Prince, Person, Prelate, State, or Potentate, hath, or ought to have, any Power, Jurisdiction, Superiority, Pre-eminence or Authority, ecclesiastical or spiritual, within this Realm.*

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And instead of the solemn Affirmation or Declaration, in the Form prescribed by the said ACT of the seventh and eighth Years of the Reign of his said late Majesty King WILLIAM the Third, every such Quaker shall make the solemn Declaration or Affirmation following, viz.

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*I A. B. do solemnly, sincerely, and truly declare and affirm.*

And instead of the Form prescribed by the said Act of the first Year of his present Majesty's Reign, for the Effect of the Abjuration Oath, every such *Quaker* shall take the Effect thereof in the following Words, viz.

Form of  
Declaration  
to be taken  
instead of  
the Oath  
of Abjura-  
tion.

*I A. B. do solemnly, sincerely, and truly acknowledge, profess, testify and declare, That King GEORGE is lawful and rightful King of this Realm, and of all other his Dominions and Countries thereunto belonging; and I do solemnly and sincerely declare, That I do believe the Person pretended to be the Prince of WALES, during the Life of the late King JAMES, and*  
*since*

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since his Decease, pretending to be, and taking upon himself the Stile and Title of King of ENGLAND, by the Name of JAMES the Third, or of SCOTLAND, by the Name of JAMES the Eighth, or the Stile and Title of King of GREAT-BRITAIN, hath not any Right or Title whatsoever to the Crown of this Realm, nor any other the Dominions thereunto belonging; and I do renounce and refuse any Allegiance or Obedience to him. And I do solemnly promise, That I will be true and faithful, and bear true Allegiance to King GEORGE, and to him will be faithful against all traiterous Conspiracies and Attempts whatsoever, which shall be made against his Person, Crown or Dignity. And I will do my best Endeavour to disclose, and make known to King GEORGE, and

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*his Successors, all Treasons and trait-  
terous Conspiracies, which I shall  
know to be against him, or any of  
them. And I will be true and faith-  
ful to the Succession of the Crown,  
against him the said JAMES, and all  
other Persons whatsoever, as the same  
is and stands settled by an ACT, inti-  
tuled, An ACT declaring the Rights  
and Liberties of the Subject, and  
settling the Succession of the Crown  
to the late Queen ANNE, and the  
Heirs of her Body, being Protest-  
ants; and as the same, by one other  
ACT, intituled, An ACT for the  
farther Limitation of the Crown,  
and better securing the Rights and  
Liberties of the Subject, is, and  
stands settled and entailed, after the  
Decease of the said late Queen; and  
for Default of Issue of the said late  
Queen,*



Queen, to the late Princess SOPHIA, Anno 1721.  
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George I.  
Chap. 6.  
Electress and Dutches Dowager of  
HANOVER, and the Heirs of her  
Body, being Protestants. And all these  
Things I do plainly and sincerely ac-  
knowledge, promise, and declare, ac-  
cording to these express Words by me  
spoken, and according to the plain  
and common Sense and Understanding  
of the same Words, without any Equi-  
vocation, mental Evasion, or secret  
Reservation whatsoever. And I do  
make this Recognition, Acknowledg-  
ment, Renunciation, and Promise,  
heartily, willingly, and truly.

And all Persons, authorized or  
required to administer or tender,  
either the said former Declaration  
of Fidelity, or the said former so-  
lemn Affirmation or Declaration,

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or the former Effect of the Abjuration Oath aforesaid, shall be, and are hereby authorized and required to administer and tender the same respectively to the said People called *Quakers*, in the Words by this Act respectively appointed.

Declara-  
tions and  
Affirma-  
tions in  
this Act,  
of equal  
Validity  
with the  
usual Oaths.

2. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Declaration of Fidelity, and solemn Affirmation or Declaration, and the Effect of the Abjuration Oath, appointed by this Act for the said People called *Quakers*, instead of the respective Forms prescribed for the same by the said recited Acts, shall respectively be adjudged and taken to be of such and the same Force and Effect, and no other, to all Intents, and Purposes, in all

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Courts of Justice and elsewhere, as if such *Quaker* had made and subscribed the Declaration of Fidelity, or had made the solemn Affirmation or Declaration, or had taken the Effect of the Abjuration Oath, in the respective Forms appointed by the said recited ACTs : And if any Person making such Affirmation or Declaration, as is appointed by this ACT to be made, instead of the Affirmation or Declaration in the Form prescribed by the before-mentioned ACT of the seventh and eighth Years of the Reign of his said late Majesty King WILLIAM the Third, shall be lawfully convicted of wilful, false and corrupt affirming and declaring any Matter or Thing, which, if sworn in the common or usual Form, would have amounted

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Breach of  
Affirmation  
punishable  
as Perjury.



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amounted to wilful and corrupt Perjury, every such Person, so offending, shall incur and suffer such and the same Pains, Penalties and Forfeitures, as are inflicted or enacted, by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, against Persons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury.

3. **Provided** always, That all Clauses, Provisoes and Exceptions, contained in the said recited Acts, or any of them, not hereby expressly altered or repealed, shall be of such and the same Force and Effect, as they were before the making of this Act.

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## NUMBER IX.

*In an ACT, intituled, An* Anno 1740.  
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ACT to explain and amend an  
ACT made in the first Year of  
the Reign of her late Majesty  
Queen ANNE, intituled, An ACT  
for the more effectual preventing  
the Abuses and Frauds of Persons  
employed in the working up the  
Woolen, Linen, Fustian, Cotton,  
and Iron Manufactures of this  
Kingdom; and for extending the  
said ACT to the Manufactures  
of Leather, *it is enacted.*

Sect. 4. **T**HAT ~~whereas~~ many In Cases  
of Manu-  
factures of  
Leather,  
Frauds and Abuses  
have of late been likewise commit-  
ted by Persons employed in cutting  
out

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out and manufacturing of Skins, Leather, and other Materials into Gloves, Breeches, Boots, Shoes, Slippers, and other Wares and Manufactures, by purloining, embezzeling, secreting, selling, pawning or exchanging such Skins, Leather, and other Materials, or in some other Manner, wherefore it is become necessary to make Provision for discovering, preventing, and punishing such Offences ; and for the better regulating such Persons as are or shall be employed in the Premises last mentioned ; Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if from and after the said first Day of *May*, one Thousand seven Hundred and forty, any Person or Persons, hired or employed, or to be hired or employed, in cut-

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ting, paring, washing, dressing, sewing, making up, or otherwise manufacturing of Gloves, Breeches, Leather, Skins, Boots, Shoes, Slippers, Wares, or other Goods or Materials to be made use of, in any of the Trades or Employments, or in Manner last mentioned, or in any Branch or Particular thereof, shall fraudulently purloin, embezzle, secrete, sell, pawn, or exchange, all or any Part of the Gloves, Breeches, Leather, Skins, Parings or Shreads of Gloves or Leather, or other Materials, with which he, she, or they, shall be intrusted to work up or manufacture, or shall purloin, embezzle, secrete, sell, pawn, or exchange, any Gloves, Breeches, Boots, Shoes, Slippers, or Wares, when made, wrought up, or manufactured, or do, or wilfully permit any

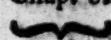
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other Act, whereby to lessen the Value of such, or any Part of such Gloves, Breeches, Leather, Skins, Parings or Shreads of Gloves or Leather, Boots, Shoes, Slippers, or other Wares last particularized, either before or after the same shall be so respectively made into Wares, and be thereof lawfully convicted by the Oath or Affirmation of the Master or Owner of such Goods or Wares, or any other credible Witness or Witnesses, or by the Confession of the Person or Persons charged with the Fact, before one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County, Riding, Division, City, Town, or Place, where such Offence shall be committed, or where the Party or Parties so charged shall reside or inhabit, (which Oath or Affirmation such Justices

Oath or  
Affirmation  
of Owners  
to be taken.

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such Justice or Justices shall and   
may award the Person or Persons so Justices are  
to admini-  
ster Oath  
or Affirma-  
tion.  
offending, to make a reasonable and  
suitable Recompence and Satisfac-

tion for every Offence, to the Par-  
ties respectively injured, for the  
Damage by them sustained, so as  
the same do not exceed double the  
Value of the Gloves, Breeches, Lea-  
ther, Boots, Shoes, Slippers, Wares,  
Goods or Materials, by such Offend-  
er or Offenders, so purloined or  
embezzled, secreted, sold, pawned,  
or exchanged ; one Half thereof to  
go to the Party or Parties grieved,  
and the other Half thereof to go  
and be applied to the Use of the  
Poor of the Parish or Place where  
such Offence shall be committed,  
together with the full Charges at-

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tending such Conviction, to be levied by Warrant under the Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, of such Justice or Justices, by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods, rendering the Overplus, upon Demand, to the Owner; but if such Offender or Offenders shall not have Goods sufficient to answer for levying the Forfeitures and Expences, and Charges attending the Premises, and shall also neglect or refuse immediately to pay the same, that then the said Offender and Offenders shall by like Warrant of such Justice or Justices last described, be for every distinct Offence committed to the House of Correction, or other publick Prison of such County, Riding, City, Town, or Place, &c. &c. &c.

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## NUMBER X.

*In an ACT, intituled, An* Anno 1749.  
22d of  
George II.  
*ACT for continuing several*  
*Laws ; and for allowing Quakers*  
*to make Affirmation in Cases*  
*where an Oath is or shall be*  
*required, is as follows, being the*  
*last Clauses in the said ACT, viz.*

**A**ND *whereas* a Doubt hath Preamble.  
arisen, whether the solemn  
Affirmation or Declaration of the  
People called *Quakers*, prescribed  
by an ACT made in the eighth Year  
of the Reign of his late Majesty  
King GEORGE the first, intituled,  
(*An ACT for granting the People*  
*called Quakers such Forms of Affirm-*  
*ation or Declaration, as may remove*  
*the*

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*the Difficulties which many of them lie under*) can be allowed and taken instead of an Oath, in any Case wherein by any ACT or ACTS of Parliament an Oath is required, unless the said Affirmation or Declaration be by such ACT or ACTS of Parliament particularly and expressly directed to be allowed and taken instead of such Oath ; by reason of which Doubt, the Testimony of the said People called *Quakers* is frequently refused, whereby the said People, and others requiring their Evidence, are subjected to great Inconveniencies : Therefore, for removing the said Doubt, be it enacted and Declared by the Authority aforesaid, That in all Cases wherein by any ACT or ACTS of Parliament now in Force, or hereafter

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after to be made, an Oath is or shall be allowed, authorized, directed, or required, the solemn Affirmation or Declaration of any of the People called *Quakers*, in the Form prescribed by the said Act made in the eighth Year of his said late Majesty's Reign, shall be allowed and taken instead of such Oath, although no particular or express Provision be made for that Purpose in such Act or Acts; and all Persons who are or shall be authorized or required to administer such Oath, shall be, and are hereby authorized and required to administer the said Affirmation or Declaration; and the said solemn Affirmation or Declaration, so made, as aforesaid, shall be adjudged and taken, and is hereby enacted and Declared to be

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of the same Force and Effect, to all  
 Intents and Purposes, in all Courts  
 of Justices, and other Places, where  
 by Law an Oath is or shall be al-  
 lowed, authorized, directed, or re-  
 quired, as if such *Quaker* had taken  
 an Oath in the usual Form; and if  
 any Person making such Affirmation  
 or Declaration, shall be lawfully  
 convicted of having wilfully, falsely,  
 and corruptly affirmed or declared  
 any Matter or Thing, which, if the  
 same had been deposed upon Oath  
 in the usual Form, would have  
 amounted to wilful and corrupt  
 Perjury, every Person so offending,  
 shall incur and suffer the like Pains,  
 Penalties and Forfeitures, as by the  
 Laws and Statutes of this Realm are  
 to be inflicted on Persons convict-  
 ed of wilful and corrupt Perjury.

**Provided** nevertheless, and be it Anno 1749.  
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George II.  
**enacted**, That no *Quaker* shall, by  
 Virtue of this Act, be qualified or  
 permitted to give Evidence in any  
 criminal Cases, or to serve on Ju-  
 ries, or to bear any Office or Place  
 of Profit in the Government; any  
 Thing herein contained to the con-  
 trary notwithstanding.

Except in  
 criminal  
 Cases, Ju-  
 ries, and  
 Places of  
 Profit in  
 the Go-  
 vernment.



## NUMBER XI.

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5th of  
George II.  
Chap. 7.

*In an ACT, intituled, An  
ACT for the more easy Recovery  
of Debts in his Majesty's Planta-  
tions and Colonies in AMERICA,  
are the following Clauses, viz.*

**B**E it enacted by the King's  
most excellent Majesty, by  
and with the Advice and Consent  
of the Lords spiritual and temporal,  
and Commons in this present Par-  
liament assembled, and by the Au-  
thority of the same, That from and  
after the 29th Day of September,  
which shall be in the Year of our  
Lord, one Thousand seven Hundred  
and thirty-two, in any Action or  
Suit then depending, or thereafter

to be brought in any Court of Law or Equity in any of the said Plantations, for or relating to any Debt

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or Account, wherein any Person residing in GREAT-BRITAIN, shall be a Party, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Plaintiff or Defendant, and also to and for any Witness to be examined or made use of in such Action or Suit, to verify or prove any Matter or Thing by Affidavit or Affidavits in Writing upon Oath, or in case the Person making such Affidavit be one of the People called *Quakers*, then upon his or her solemn Affirmation, made before any Mayor or other chief Magistrate of the City, Borough, or Town-corporate in GREAT-BRITAIN, where, or near to which, the Person making such Affidavit

Debts in  
America  
recoverable  
by Affirma-  
tion.

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or Affirmation shall reside, and certified and transmitted under the common Seal of such City, Borough, or Town-corporate, or the Seal of the Office of such Mayor, or other chief Magistrate, which Oath and solemn Affirmation every such Mayor and chief Magistrate shall be, and is hereby authorized and empowered to administer; and every Affidavit or Affirmation so made, certified and transmitted, shall, in all such Actions and Suits, be allowed to be of the same Force and Effect, as if the Person or Persons, making the same upon Oath, or solemn Affirmation, as aforesaid, had appeared and sworn, or affirmed, the Matters contained in such Affidavit or Affirmation, *viva voce* in open Court, or upon a Commission issued for the Examination of  
Witnesses,



Witnesses, or of any Party in any such Action or Suit respectively; Anno 1732.  
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Chap. 7.

**Provided**, That in every such Affidavit and Affirmation, there shall be expressed the Addition of the Party making such Affidavit or Affirmation, and the particular Place of his or her Abode.

Sect. 2. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in all Suits now depending, or hereafter to be brought in any Court of Law or Equity, by or in Behalf of his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, in any of the said Plantations, for or relating to any Debt or Account, that his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, shall and may prove his and their Debts and Accounts, and examine his or their Witness or Witnesses, by Affidavit or Affirmation,

Affirmation  
provided for.

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Chap. 7.

tion, in like manner as any Subject or Subjects is or are impowered, or may do, by this present Act.

Sect. 3. **Provided** always, and it is hereby further **enacted**, That if any Person making such Affidavit upon Oath, or solemn Affirmation, as aforesaid, shall be guilty of falsely and wilfully swearing or affirming any Matter or Thing in such Affidavit or Affirmation, which if the same had been sworn, upon an Examination in the usual Form, would have amounted to wilful and corrupt Perjury, every Person so offending, being thereof lawfully convicted, shall incur the same Penalties and Forfeitures, as by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm are provided against Persons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury.

NUMBER

## NUMBER XII.

In an ACT, intituled, An Anno 1739.  
12th of  
George II.  
Chap. 13.  
ACT for continuing the ACT  
made in the eighth Year of the  
Reign of her late Majesty Queen  
ANNE, to regulate the Price and  
*Affize of Bread*; and for conti-  
nuing, explaining and amending  
the ACT made in the second  
Year of the Reign of his present  
Majesty, for the better Regulation  
of Attorneys and Solicitors, is as  
follows, viz.

Sect. 18. **A**ND be it enacted by Attorneys  
the Authority afore- to be ad-  
said, That any Person, being one mitted upon  
of the People called Quakers, who Affirma-  
may have served, or shall hereafter tion.  
serve,



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serve, a Clerkship with an Attorney or Solicitor, and shall be qualified as by the \* said Act before is required, shall, upon taking his solemn Affirmation instead of the Oaths thereby directed to be taken, before such Judges and others who are hereby authorized and required to administer the said Affirmation, be admitted and enrolled as an Attorney or Solicitor, as if he had taken the said Oaths; any Thing in the said Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

\* N B. The Act referred to, is that of 2 GEORGE II. for the better Regulation of Attorneys and Solicitors,

## NUMBER XIII.

*In an ACT, intituled, An*  
 ACT for naturalizing such Fo-  
 reign Protestants, and others  
 therein mentioned, as are settled,  
 or shall settle, in any of his  
 Majesty's Colonies in AMERICA,  
*is enacted as follows, viz.*

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**T**HAT from and after the first  
 Day of *June*, in the Year of  
 our Lord one Thousand seven Hun-  
 dred and forty, all Persons born  
 out of the Legiance of his Majesty,  
 his Heirs, or Successors, who have  
 inhabited and resided, or shall in-  
 habit and reside, for the Space of  
 seven Years or more, in any of his  
 Majesty's Colonies in AMERICA,

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and

Anno 1740. and shall not have been absent out  
 13th of Oct. of some of the said Colonies for a  
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longer Space than two Months at  
 any one Time during the said seven  
 Years, and shall take and subscribe  
 the Oaths, and make, repeat, and  
 subscribe the Declaration appointed  
 by an ACT made in the first Year  
 of the Reign of his late Majesty  
 King GEORGE the First, intituled,  
*An ACT for the further Security of  
 his Majesty's Person and Government,  
 and the Succession of the Crown in the  
 Heirs of the late Princess SOPHIA,  
 being Protestants, and for extin-  
 guishing the Hopes of the pretended  
 Prince of WALES, his open and se-  
 cret Abettors ; or, being of the  
 People called Quakers, shall make  
 and subscribe the Declaration of  
 Fidelity, and take and affirm the  
 Effect*

Quakers  
 on subscri-  
 bing the  
 Declaration  
 of Fidelity,



Effect of the Abjuration Oath, appointed and prescribed by an ACT made in the eighth Year of, the Reign of his said late Majesty, intituled, *An ACT for granting the People called Quakers, such Forms of Affirmation or Declaration, as may remove the Difficulties which many of them lie under*; and also make and subscribe the Profession of his *Christian* Belief, appointed and prescribed by an ACT made in the first Year of the Reign of their late Majesties King WILLIAM and Queen MARY, intituled, *An ACT for exempting their Majesties Protestant Subjects from the Penalties of certain Laws*, before the chief Judge, or other Judge, of the Colony, wherein such Persons respectively have so inhabited and re-

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And making Profession of their Christian Belief, Naturalized.

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 Chap. 7.

fided, or shall so inhabit and reside,  
 shall be deemed, adjudged, and ta-  
 ken to be, his Majesty's natural-  
 born Subjects of this Kingdom, to  
 all Intents, Constructions, and Pur-  
 poses, as if they and every of them  
 had been or were born within this  
 Kingdom; which said Oath, or  
 Affirmation, and Subscription of  
 the said Declarations respectively,  
 the chief Judge, or other Judge, of  
 every of the said respective Colo-  
 nies, is hereby enabled and impow-  
 ered to administer and take; and  
 the taking and subscribing of every  
 such Oath, or Affirmation, and the  
 making, repeating, and subscribing  
 of every such Declaration, shall be  
 before such chief Judge, or other  
 Judge, in open Court, between the  
 Hours of Nine and twelve in the  
 Forenoon,

Forenoon, and shall be entered in the same Court, and also in the Secretary's Office of the Colony wherein such Person shall so inhabit and reside; and every chief Judge, or other Judges, of every respective Colony, before whom such Oaths or Affirmation shall be taken, and every such Declaration shall be made, repeated, and subscribed, as aforesaid, is hereby required to make a due and proper Entry thereof, in a Book to be kept for that Purpose in the said Court, for the doing whereof two Shillings, and no more, shall be paid at each respective Place, under the Penalty and Forfeiture of ten Pounds, of lawful Money of GREAT-BRITAIN, for every Neglect or Omission. And in like Manner,

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Entry of  
Affirmation  
required.

Manner, every Secretary of the Colony wherein any Person shall so take the said Oaths or Affirmation, and make, repeat, and subscribe the said Declarations respectively, as aforesaid, is hereby required to make a due and proper Entry thereof, in a Book to be kept for that Purpose in his Office, upon Notification thereof to him by the chief Judge, or other Judge, of the same Colony, under the like Penalty or Forfeiture for every such Neglect or Omission.

Sect. 2. **Provided** always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person, of what Quality, Condition or Place soever, other than, and except such of the People called *Quakers*, as shall qualify themselves and be naturalized by

by the Ways and Means herein before mentioned, or such who profess the *Jewish* Religion, shall be naturalized by Virtue of this Act, unless such Person shall have received the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in some *Protestant* or reformed Congregation, within this Kingdom of GREAT-BRITAIN, or within some of the said Colonies in AMERICA, within three Months next before his taking and subscribing the said Oaths, and making, repeating, and subscribing the said Declaration; and shall at the Time of his taking and subscribing the said Oaths, and making, repeating, and subscribing the said Declaration, produce a Certificate signed by the Person administering the said Sacrament, and attested by two credible

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credible Witnesses, whereof an Entry shall be made in the Secretary's Office of the Colony, wherein such Person shall so inhabit and reside, as also in the Court where the said Oaths shall be so taken, as aforesaid, without any Fee or Reward.

Certifi-  
cate to be  
given.

Sect. 4. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That a Testimonial or Certificate, under the Seal of any of the said Colonies, of any Persons having resided and inhabited for the Space of seven Years or more, as aforesaid, within the said Colonies, or some of them, to be specified in such Certificate, together with the particular Time of Residence in each of such respective Colonies, (whereof the Colony, under the Seal of which



which such Certificate shall be  
 given, to be one) and of his having  
 taken and subscribed the said Oaths,  
 and of his having made, repeated,  
 and subscribed the said Declaration;  
 and, in case of a *Quaker*, of his  
 having made and subscribed the  
 Declaration of Fidelity, and of his  
 having taken and affirmed the Ef-  
 fect of the Abjuration Oath, as afore-  
 said; and in the case of a Person  
 professing the *Jewish* Religion, of  
 his having taken the Oath of Ab-  
 juration, as aforesaid, within the  
 same Colony, under the Seal where-  
 of such Certificate shall be given,  
 as aforesaid, shall be deemed and  
 taken to be a sufficient Testimony  
 and Proof thereof, and of his being  
 a natural-born Subject of GREAT-  
 BRITAIN,

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 George II.  
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George II.  
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BRITAIN, to all Intents and Pur-  
poses whatsoever, and as such shall  
be allowed in every Court within  
the Kingdoms of GREAT-BRI-  
TAIN and IRELAND, and also in  
the said Colonies in AMERICA.

and the Widows and Children  
of such as shall be killed, slain,  
or drowned in the Merchant  
Service, it is provided as fol-  
loweth, viz. That the

THAT no Widow, Child, or  
Children, of any Person kil-  
led, slain, or drowned in the said  
Service, shall be relieved or intitu-  
mentance by Virtue of  
this Act, unless the or they or some  
Person on her or their Behalf shall  
produce a Certificate signed, sealed,

and

NUMBER XIV.

*In an ACT, intituled, An* Anno 1747.  
20th of  
George II.  
*ACT for the Relief and Support*  
*of maimed and disabled Seamen,*  
*and the Widows and Children*  
*of such as shall be killed, slain,*  
*or drowned, in the Merchants*  
*Service, it is provided as fol-*  
*lows, viz.*

**T**HAT no Widow, Child, or Certificate  
for the Wi-  
dows and  
Children of  
Quakers.  
Children, of any Seaman kil-  
led, slain, or drowned in the said  
Service, shall be relieved or intitu-  
led to any Allowance by Virtue of  
this Act, unless she or they, or some  
Person on her or their Behalf, shall  
produce a Certificate signed, sealed,



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and authenticated in like Manner, signifying how and in what Manner such Seaman lost his Life, in the Service of the said Ship or Vessel, the Time and Place he entered on board, and how long he had served therein; and also another Certificate, under the Hands and Seals of the Minister and Churchwardens, and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish, Township, or Place, or any two of them, or under the Hands and Seals of the Minister and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish, Township, or Place, or any two of them, where there are no Churchwardens; and if such Widow, Child, or Children, are some of the People called *Quakers*; then by any two reputable Persons of that Persuasion,

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of the Parish, Township, or Place, Anno 1747,  
20th of  
George II.  
 where such Widow, Child, or Child-  
 ren, have a legal Settlement, or do  
 inhabit or reside, to be attested by  
 two or more credible Witnesses,  
 That such Widow was the lawful  
 Wife, and real Widow, and that  
 such Child, or Children, was or  
 were the lawful Child or Children  
 of such Seaman, killed, slain or  
 drowned, as aforesaid, and is or are  
 under the Age of fourteen Years,  
 or if of that Age or upwards, not  
 capable of getting a Livelihood, by  
 reason of Lameness, Blindness, or  
 other Infirmities, and is or are pro-  
 per Objects of Charity; and that  
 no Seaman shall be provided for by  
 a Pension or otherwise, as decrepit  
 or worn out, unless such Seaman  
 shall

Anno 1742.  
20th of  
George II. shall have served in the Merchants  
Service for the Space of five Years,  
and contributed and paid Six-pence  
per Month out of his Wages for  
that Time, to and for the good  
Ends and Purposes of this Act.

*In the same Act, is also the fol-  
lowing Clause, viz.*

Affirma-  
tion provi-  
ded for.

**Provided**, and be it further en-  
acted by the Authority aforesaid,  
That in all Cases wherein by this  
Act an Oath is required or ap-  
pointed to be taken, the solemn  
Affirmation and Declaration of the  
People called *Quakers* shall be ac-  
cepted instead of such Oath, in such  
Manner and Form, as by the Laws  
and Statutes of this Kingdom is di-  
rected



rected and appointed ; and if any such *Quaker* shall refuse to make such solemn Affirmation and Declaration in any Case wherein any other Person is hereby required to take an Oath, every such *Quaker* so refusing, shall, for every such Offence, be subject to the like Forfeitures and Penalties, as any other Person refusing to take an Oath is made liable to by this ACT ; and in case any such *Quaker* shall, upon his solemn Affirmation or Declaration, affirm or declare any Matter which shall be false ; or if any other Person, before any such Collector, Receiver, or other Person, hereby authorized to administer Oaths, shall wilfully make a false Oath, every such *Quaker*, or other Person,

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George II.

Person, being thereof lawfully convicted, shall, for every such Offence, suffer and be liable to the like Fines, Pains, Penalties, and Punishments, as Persons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury are subject and liable to by the Laws of that Part of GREAT-BRITAIN called ENGLAND.

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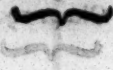
NUMBER XV.

*In an ACT, intituled, An* Anno 1738.  
11th of  
George II.  
Chap. 19.  
ACT for the more effectual se-  
curing the Payment of Rents,  
and preventing Frauds by Te-  
nants, *is the following Clause, viz.*

Sect. 4. **P**rovided always, and Affirma-  
tion pro-  
vided for  
in Cases  
of Rents,  
&c.  
be it enacted by  
the Authority aforesaid, That where  
the Goods and Chattels so fraudu-  
lently carried off, or concealed,  
shall not exceed the Value of fifty  
Pounds, it shall and may be lawful  
for the Landlord or Landlords, from  
whose Estate such Goods or Chattels  
were removed, his, her, or their  
Bayliff, Servant, or Agent in his,  
her or their Behalf, to exhibit a  
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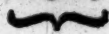
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George II.  
Chap. 19.



Complaint in Writing against such Offender or Offenders, before two Justices of the Peace of the same County, Riding, or Division of such County, residing near the Place whence such Goods and Chattels were removed, or near the Place where the same were found, not being interested in the Lands or Tenements whence such Goods were removed, who may summon the Parties concerned, examine the Fact, and all proper Witnesses upon Oath, or, if any such Witness be one of the People called *Quakers*, upon Affirmation required by Law, and in a summary Way determine, whether such Person or Persons be guilty of the Offence, with which he or they are charged, and to enquire in like manner of the Value of

of the Goods and Chattels by him, her, or them respectively so fraudulently carried off, or concealed, as aforefaid; and upon full Proof of the Offence, by Order under their Hands and Seals, the said Justices of Peace may and shall adjudge the Offender or Offenders to pay double the Value of the said Goods and Chattels to such Landlord or Landlords, his, her, or their Bayliff, Servant or Agent, at such Time as the said Justices shall appoint: And in case the Offender or Offenders, having Notice of such Order, shall refuse or neglect so to do, may and shall, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, levy the same by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Offender or Offenders; and for want of such

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11th of  
George II.  
Chap. 19.



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11th of  
George II.  
Chap. 19.



Distress, may commit the Offender  
or Offenders to the House of Cor-  
rection, there to be kept to hard  
Labour, without Bail or Mainprize,  
for the Space of six Months, unless  
the Money so ordered to be paid, as  
aforesaid, shall be sooner satisfied.

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NUMBER XVI.

In an ACT, intituled, An Anno 1755.  
28th of  
George II.  
ACT for Relief of insolvent  
Debtors, are the following Clauses,  
viz.

**P**rovided always, and be it en-  
acted by the Authority afore-  
said, That nothing in this  
ACT contained, shall extend or be  
construed to extend to *Benjamin*  
*Thomas* and *Richard Beddoes*, two  
of the People called *Quakers*, now  
Prisoners in the common Goal of  
the County of *Salop*, at the Suit of  
*Joyce Smith*, Executrix of the last  
Will and Testament of *Thomas*  
*Smith*, Clerk, deceased, for Tithes,  
or either of them, so as to oblige  
the

Clause for  
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ging *Benja-  
min Tho-  
mas* and  
*Richard*  
*Beddoes*  
from a long  
Imprison-  
ment.

Anno 1575.  
28th of  
George II.

the said *Benjamin Thomas* and *Richard Beddoes* to deliver in and subscribe a Schedule of their respective Estates and Effects; but it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the Peace of the said County, upon Application made by the said *Joyce Smith*, or by any Person or Persons for or on Behalf of the said *Benjamin Thomas* or *Richard Beddoes*, to cause the said Prisoners respectively to be brought before them, at their next General Quarter - Sessions of the Peace, together with a Copy or Copies of their Detainers, and to examine into the Value of the Estate and Effects of the said Prisoners, by the Oath of one or more Witnesses or Witnesses, and to issue a Warrant under their Hands and Seals, or the Hands and Seals of  
any

any two or more of them, thereby directing and requiring the respective Sums due from the said Prisoners respectively, to the said *Joyce Smith*, and for which they are respectively charged and detained in the said Prison, to be levied upon their respective Goods and Chattels, and if the Goods and Chattels of the said Prisoners respectively, shall not be found sufficient, then the real Estates of the said Prisoners respectively (if any such there be) shall by the said Justices be assigned over to the said *Joyce Smith*, till such Time as the said Debts shall be respectively paid; and the said Prisoners shall, upon their Appearance respectively before the said Justices, and the said Debts due to the said *Joyce Smith* being respectively paid, be respectively discharged

Anno 1755.  
28th of  
George II.



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28th of  
George II.

charged from their Imprisonment,  
as to the said Debt or Debts.

*In the same ACT is also the following Clause, viz.*

Quakers  
Affirmation  
provided  
for.

2. And be it further enacted by  
the Authority aforesaid, That in all  
Cases wherein by this ACT an Oath  
is required, the solemn Affirmation  
of any Person being a *Quaker*, shall  
and may be accepted and taken in  
lieu thereof, and every Person making  
such Affirmation, who shall be  
convicted of wilful and false affirm-  
ing, shall incur and suffer such and  
the same Penalties as are inflicted  
and imposed by this ACT, upon  
Persons convicted of wilful and  
corrupt Perjury.

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NUMBER XVII.

In an ACT, intituled, An  
ACT for the better preventing  
of clandestine Marriages, is the  
Clause next following, viz.

Anno 1753.  
26th of  
George II.

**P**rovided likewise, That no-  
thing in this ACT contained,  
shall extend to that Part of  
GREAT-BRITAIN called SCOT-  
LAND, nor to any Marriages amongst  
the People called *Quakers*, or amongst  
the Persons professing the *Jewish*  
Religion, where both the Parties to  
any such Marriage shall be of the  
People called *Quakers*, or Persons  
professing the *Jewish* Religion re-  
spectively, nor to any Marriages  
solemnized beyond the Seas.

This ACT  
is not to  
extend to  
Marriages  
of *Quakers*  
or Jews.

## NUMBER XVIII.

Anno 1754.  
27th of  
George II.

*In an ACT, intituled, An  
ACT for the more easy and ef-  
fectual Proceeding upon Distresses  
to be made by Warrants of Just-  
ices of the Peace, is the following  
Clause, viz.*

This Act  
is not to  
extend to  
any Alter-  
ation of  
former Laws  
relative to  
the Qua-  
kers.

**P**ROVIDED always, That nothing  
herein contained shall extend,  
or be construed to extend, to  
alter or repeal any of the Provisions  
or Directions relating to Distresses  
to be made for the Payment of  
Tithes and Church-Rates, by the  
People called *Quakers*, contained in  
an ACT passed in the seventh and  
eighth Years of his late Majesty  
King WILLIAM the Third, intitu-  
led,



led, *An ACT that the solemn Affirm-* Anno 1754.  
*ation and Declaration of the People* 27th of  
*called Quakers, shall be accepted in-* George II.

*stead of an Oath in the usual Form ;*  
*or in one other ACT passed in the*  
*first Year of his late Majesty King*  
*GEORGE the First, intituled, An*  
*ACT for making perpetual an ACT*  
*of the seventh and Eighth Years of*  
*the Reign of his late Majesty King*  
*WILLIAM the Third, intituled, An*  
*ACT that the solemn Affirmation and*  
*Declaration of the People called Qua-*  
*kers, shall be accepted instead of an*  
*Oath in the usual Form ; and for*  
*explaining and enforcing the said ACT,*  
*in relation to the Payment of Tithes*  
*and Church-Rates ; and for appoint-*  
*ing the Form of an Affirmation to be*  
*taken by the said People called Quakers,*  
*instead of the Oath of Abjuration.*

## NUMBER XIX.

Anno 1751.

24th of  
George II.

*In an ACT, intituled, An  
ACT to enable the Parishioners  
of the Parish of Saint Mary,  
Issington, in the County of Mid-  
dlesex, to rebuild the Church of  
the said Parish, it is enacted, that*

Exception  
of Quakers.

**T**HE Parishioners are to nomi-  
nate Collectors, (not being  
of the People called *Quakers*,) and  
a few Lines farther it is thus ex-  
pressed, Except those People called  
*Quakers*, who are hereby excused  
and exempted from serving the said  
Office.

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## XNUMBER XX.

*In an ACT, intituled, An* Anno 1757.  
30th of  
George II.  
*ACT for the better ordering of*  
*the Militia Forces in the several*  
*Counties of that Part of GREAT-*  
*BRITAIN called ENGLAND, is*  
*the following Clause, viz.*

**A**ND be it enacted, That if If a Quaker  
be chosen,  
and refuse  
to serve, or  
provide a  
Substitute,  
 any Person, being one of the  
 People called *Quakers*, shall be cho-  
 sen by Lot to serve in the Militia,  
 and shall refuse or neglect to appear  
 and to take the Oaths, and make,  
 repeat, and subscribe the Declara-  
 tion aforesaid, and to serve in the  
 said Militia, or to provide a Substi-  
 tute, to be approved as aforesaid,  
 who shall take the said Oaths,  
 make,



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30th of  
George II.

Deputy-  
Lieutenants  
are to pro-  
vide one,  
and levy  
the Expence  
by Distress  
and Sale.

make, repeat, and subscribe the  
said Declaration, and subscribe his  
Consent to serve as the Substitute of  
such *Quaker*; then, and in every  
such Case, any three Deputy-Lieu-  
tenants, or any two Deputy-Lieu-  
tenants, together with any one  
Justice of the Peace, or any one  
Deputy-Lieutenant, together with  
any two Justices of the Peace, shall,  
upon as reasonable Terms as may  
be, provide and hire a fit Person,  
who shall take the said Oaths,  
make, repeat, and subscribe the  
said Declaration, and subscribe his  
Consent to serve in the said Militia  
for the Space of three Years, as the  
Substitute of such *Quaker*; and any  
three Deputy-Lieutenants, or any  
two Deputy-Lieutenants, together  
with any one Justice of the Peace,

or

or any one Deputy-Lieutenant, together with any two Justices of the Peace, are hereby impowered and required to levy by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such *Quaker*, by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of any three Deputy - Lieutenants, or any two Deputy-Lieutenants, together with any one Justice of the Peace, or any one Deputy - Lieutenant, together with any two Justices of the Peace, such Sum or Sums as shall be necessary to defray the Expence of providing and hiring such Person to serve in the said Militia, for the Space of three Years, as the Substitute of such *Quaker*, so refusing or neglecting as aforesaid; rendering the Overplus, if any, after deducting the Charges of such Distress

and

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30th of  
George II.

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30th of  
George II.

If oppres-  
sive Mea-  
sures be  
used in  
making  
Distress,  
the Quaker  
upon Com-  
plaint, to  
be redressed.

and Sale, to such Quaker upon whom such Distress shall have been made as aforesaid; and in case any Measures shall be used in making Distress as aforesaid, which may be by any such Quaker thought oppressive, it shall be lawful for such Quaker to complain thereof to the Deputy-Lieutenants and Justices of the Peace, at their next Meeting, who are hereby impowered and required to hear and finally determine the same.

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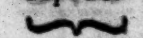
*In an ACT, intituled, "An*  
**ACT** to explain, amend, and  
 reduce into one **ACT** of **PAR-**  
**LIAMENT** the several Laws now  
 in being, relating to the raising  
 and training the Militia within  
 that Part of **GREAT-BRITAIN**  
 called **ENGLAND**, *are the follow-*  
*ing Clauses, viz.*

Anno 1761.  
 2d of  
 George III.  
 Cap. 20.

Sect. 42. **A**ND if any Person  
 so chosen by Lot  
 to serve in the Militia (not being  
 one of the People called *Quakers*)  
 shall refuse or neglect to appear and  
 take the said Oath, and serve in the  
 Militia, or to provide a Substitute  
 to be approved as aforesaid, who  
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Those who  
 refuse to at-  
 tend and be  
 inrolled, or  
 to provide  
 fit Substi-  
 tutes, not  
 being Qua-  
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 2d of George III.  
 Cap. 20.



the Deputy  
 Lieutenants  
 may provide  
 one, and  
 levy the  
 same by  
 distress and  
 sale.

shall take the said Oath, and sign his Consent to serve as his Substitute, every such Person so refusing or neglecting shal' forfeit and pay the Sum of ten Pounds, and at the Expiration of three Years be liable to serve again, or provide a Substitute,

If a Quaker  
 be chosen,  
 and refuses  
 to serve, or  
 provide a  
 Substitute,

Sect. 87. And be it enacted, That if any Person, being one of the People called *Quakers*, shall be chosen by Lot to serve in the Militia, and shall refuse or neglect to appear, and to take the Oath, and serve in the Militia, or to provide a Substitute, to be approved as aforesaid, who shall take the said Oath, and subscribe his Consent to serve as the Substitute of such *Quaker*; then, and in every such Case, any three

Deputy-

Deputy - Lieutenants, or any two Deputy-Lieutenants together with any one Justice of the Peace, or any one Deputy - Lieutenant together with any two Justices of the Peace, shall, if they think proper, upon as reasonable Terms as may be, provide and hire a fit Person, who shall take the said Oath, and subscribe his Consent to serve in the said Militia for the Space of three Years, as the Substitute of such *Quaker*; and any three Deputy-Lieutenants, or any two Deputy-Lieutenants together with any one Justice of the Peace, or any one Deputy-Lieutenant together with any two Justices of the Peace, are hereby impowered and required to levy, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such *Quaker*, by Warrant under

Anno 1761.  
2d. of George III.  
Cap. 20.

the Deputy Lieutenants may provide one, and levy the Expence by Distress and Sale;

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Anno 1761. their Hands and Seals, such Sum  
 2d of 10. or Sums as shall be necessary to de-  
 George III. fray the Expence of providing and  
 Cap. 26. hiring such Person to serve in the  
 Militia, for the Space of three Years,  
 as the Substitute of such Quaker, so  
 refusing or neglecting as aforesaid;  
 rendering the Overplus, if any, after  
 deducting the Charges of such Dis-  
 tress and Sale, to such Quaker, upon  
 whom such Distress shall have been  
 made as aforesaid : And in case any  
 Measures shall be used in making  
 Distress as aforesaid, which may be  
 by any such Quaker thought op-  
 pressive, it shall be lawful for such  
 Quaker to complain thereof to the  
 Deputy-Lieutenants and Justices of  
 the Peace, at their next Meeting,  
 who are hereby impowered and re-  
 quired

but if any  
 oppressive  
 Measures  
 be used in  
 making  
 such Dis-  
 tress, he is  
 to be re-  
 dress'd upon  
 Complaint  
 made by  
 him :

quired to hear and finally determine  
the same.

Anno 1761.  
2d of  
George III.  
Cap. 20.

Sect. 88. **Prohibited** always, and  
be it further **enacted** by the Autho-  
rity afore said, That in every Parish,  
Tithing or Place, or two or more  
Parishes, Tithings, or Places, so  
added together as afore said, in  
which any such Rate shall be made,  
where the Churchwardens or Over-  
seers shall make Complaint to a  
Justice of the Peace, that a *Quaker*  
or *Quakers* refuse to pay the Sum or  
Sums of Money he or they shall be  
rated at, such Justice may and shall  
order such Cost and Charges, for  
levying such Distress, as he shall  
think reasonable, not exceeding the  
Sum of ten Shillings on each of the  
said *Quakers*, where there are no  
more

And where  
any *Quakers*  
shall refuse  
to pay to  
the Rates  
authorized  
by this Act  
to be made,  
the Justices,  
upon Com-  
plaint of  
the Church-  
wardens,  
may order  
reasonable  
Cost and  
Charges for  
levying the  
Distress, in  
Proportion  
to the Sums  
here allow-  
ed.

Anno 1761. more than two of them, and where  
 2d of George III. there are a greater Number, not  
 Cap. 20. exceeding five Shillings on each of  
 the said Quakers.

N. B. *The above ACT was to  
 continue for seven Years, but was  
 afterwards made perpetual by an ACT  
 of the 9th of GEORGE III. Cap. 42.*



# T A B L E

OF THE

## C O N T E N T S.

### N U M B E R I.

**A**N *Act* for exempting their ANNO  
Majesties *Protestant* Subjects, 1688.  
dissenting from the Church of *Eng-*  
*land*, from the Penalties of certain  
Laws. pag. 1.

### N U M B E R II.

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very of small Tithes. pag. 29.

### N U M B E R

ANNO . IN U M B E R III.

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NUMBER

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ANNO

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*intituled, An Act that the solemn Affirmation and Declaration of the People called Quakers, shall be accepted instead of an Oath in the usual Form. pag. 60.*

## NUMBER VII.

*An Act, for making perpetual an 1714:*

*Act of the seventh and eighth Years of the Reign of his late Majesty King WILLIAM the Third, intituled, An Act that the solemn Affirmation and Declaration of the People called Quakers, shall be accepted instead of an Oath in the usual Form, and for explaining and enforcing the said Act, in relation to the Payment*

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of



ANNO of Tithes and Church-Rates; and  
 1714. for appointing the Form of an  
 Affirmation to be taken by the said  
 People called *Quakers*, instead of  
 the Oath of Abjuration. pag. 62.

### NUMBER VIII.

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 called *Quakers*, such Forms of Af-  
 firmation or Declaration, as may  
 remove the Difficulties which many  
 of them lie under. pag. 74.

### NUMBER IX.

1740. *A Clause of an Act, intituled, An*  
*Act to explain and amend an Act*  
*made in the first Year of the Reign*  
*of her late Majesty Queen ANNE,*  
*intituled, An Act for the more ef-*  
 fectual

fectual preventing the Abuses and **ANNO**  
**Frauds of Persons employed in the 1740.**  
 working up the Woollen, Linen,  
 Fustian, Cotton, and Iron Manu-  
 factures of this Kingdom ; and for  
 extending the said Act to the Manu-  
 factures of Leather. pag. 87.

**NUMBER X.**

*Clauses of an Act, intituled, An* **1749.**  
**Act for continuing several Laws ;**  
**and for allowing Quakers to make**  
**Affirmation in Cases where an Oath**  
**is or shall be required. pag. 93.**

**NUMBER XI.**

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**Act for the more easy Recovery of**

ANNO Debts in his Majesty's Plantations  
1732. and Colonies in *America*. pag. 98.

NUMBER XII.

1739. *A Clause of an Act, intituled, An  
Act for continuing the Act made in  
the eighth Year of the Reign of her  
late Majesty Queen ANNE, to regu-  
late the Price and Affize of Bread ;  
and for continuing, explaining, and  
amending the Act made in the se-  
cond Year of the Reign of his  
present Majesty, for the better Re-  
gulation of Attorneys and Solici-  
tors.* pag. 103.

NUMBER XIII.

1740. *Clauses of an Act, intituled, An  
Act for naturalizing such Foreign  
Protestants,*



*Protestants*, and others therein men- ANNO  
tioned, as are settled, or shall settle, 1740.  
in any of his Majesty's Colonies in  
*America.* pag. 105.

NUMBER XIV.

*Clauses in an Act, intituled, An* 1747.  
Act for the Relief and Support of  
maimed and disabled Seamen, and  
the Widows and Children of such  
as shall be killed, slain, or drown-  
ed, in the Merchants Service. pag.  
115.

NUMBER XV.

*A Clause in an Act, intituled, An* 1738.  
Act for the more effectual securing  
the Payment of Rents, and pre-  
venting Frauds by Tenants. pag.

121.  
NUMBER

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NUMBER XVI.

1755. *Clauses of an Act, intituled, An Act for Relief of insolvent Debtors. pag. 125.*

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1753. *A Clause of an Act, intituled, An Act for the better preventing of clandestine Marriages. pag. 129.*

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NUMBER XIX.

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*A Clause of an Act, intituled, An* 1751.  
 Act to enable the Parishioners of  
 the Parish of Saint Mary, Islington,  
 in the County of Middlesex, to re-  
 build the Church of the said Parish.  
 pag. 132.

NUMBER XX.

*A Clause of an Act, intituled, An* 1757.  
 Act for the better ordering of the  
 Militia Forces in the several Coun-  
 ties of that Part of Great-Britain  
 called England, pag. 133.

NUMBER XXI.

*Clauses of an Act, intituled, An* 1761.  
 Act to explain, amend, and reduce  
 into ..



ANNO into one Act of Parliament the fe-  
 1761. veral Laws now in Being, relating  
 to the training the Militia within  
 that Part of *Great-Britain* called  
*England.* pag. 137.

Annals  
 of  
 William  
 and  
 Mary  
 Chap. 2

IN the first Year of the said  
 Act, intituled, An Act for  
 abolishing the Oath of Supre-  
 macy in England, and appointing  
 other Oaths, it is provided, That  
 Persons subscribing the Declaration  
 therein contained, are exempted  
 from the Penalties inflicted on such  
 as refuse to take the Oath, but are  
 rendered incapable of holding any  
 Place

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veral Laws now in Being, relating

# BRIEF ACCOUNT

OF

Sundry Acts and Clauses of  
ACTS of PARLIAMENT, relating  
to the People called *Quakers*, not  
contained in the foregoing COL-  
LECTION.

**I**N *Act*, intituled, An Act for  
abrogating the Oath of Supre-  
macy in *Ireland*, and appointing  
other Oaths, *it is provided*, That  
*Quakers* subscribing the Declaration  
therein contained, are exempted  
from the Penalties inflicted on such  
as refuse to take the Oaths, but are  
rendered incapable of holding any

Anno 1690.  
3d and 4th  
of William  
and Mary.  
Chap. 2.

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Place of Profit or Trust under the Government.

Anno 1693.  
5th and 6th  
of William  
and Mary.  
Chap. 21.

*In an Act, intituled, An Act for granting to their Majesties several Duties upon Vellum, Parchment and Paper for four Years, towards carrying on the War against France, it is enacted, That every Marriage Certificate shall pay a Duty of 5s.*

Anno 1695.  
7th and 8th  
of William  
III.  
Chap. 27.

*In an Act, intituled, An Act for the better Security of his Majesty's Royal Person and Government, it is enacted, That Quakers subscribing the Declaration therein contained, be exempted from the Forfeitures and Penalties provided by that Act for such as refuse to take the Oaths to the King.*

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*In an Act, intituled, An Act for* Anno 1702.  
granting to her Majesty a Land Tax 1st of Anne.  
for carrying on the War against Chap. 1.  
*France and Spain, it is provided,*  
*That Quakers* subscribing the De-  
claration of Fidelity, instead of  
taking the Oaths, shall not be liable  
to double Rates.

*In an Act, intituled, An Act to* Anno 1708.  
make further Provision for electing 6th of  
and summoning sixteen Peers of Anne.  
*Scotland, to sit in the House of*  
*Peers in the Parliament of Great-*  
*Britain; and for trying Peers for*  
*Offences committed in Scotland;*  
*and for the further regulating of*  
*Voters in Elections of Members to*  
*serve in Parliament, it is enacted,*  
*That Quakers* refusing to declare the  
Effect of the Oath thereby required,

upon their solemn Affirmation, shall not vote, but on making the said Affirmation are exempted from the Penalties and Forfeitures therein mentioned,

Anno 1714.  
1st of  
George I.  
Chap. 13.

*In an Act, intituled, An Act for the further Security of his Majesty's Person and Government, and the Succession of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princess SOPHIA, being Protestants, and for extinguishing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of Wales, and his open and secret Abettors, it is provided, That the Affirmation of Quakers be taken instead of an Oath.*

Anno 1718.  
5th of  
George I.  
Chap. 4.

*An Act for strengthening the Protestant Interest in these Kingdoms, repeals Part of an Act passed in the*

*the tenth Year of Queen ANNE, intituled, An Act for preserving the Protestant Religion, &c. And also an Act made in the twelfth Year of the said Queen ANNE, intituled, An Act to prevent the Growth of Schism.*

*In an Act for quieting and establishing Corporations, it is enacted, That it shall not in future be required of Persons elected to any Office or Place of Trust in the Government of Cities, Corporations, &c. to take the Oath, and subscribe the Declaration required by an Act passed in the thirteenth Year of CHARLES II. intituled, An Act for the well-governing and regulating of Corporations; and that no Incapacity, Forfeiture, nor Penalty shall*

Anno 1713.  
5th. of  
George I.  
Chap. 6.



shall be incurred by Persons elected to the aforesaid Offices, nor Prosecution be commenced against them, for neglecting to take the Sacrament, unless such Persons be removed from such Office, or such Prosecution be commenced, within six Months after such Persons being elected into their Offices.

Anno 1719.  
6th of  
George I.  
Chap. II.

*In an Act, intituled, An Act for laying a Duty upon wrought Plate, &c. it is provided, That the Affirmation of Quakers be taken instead of the Oath.*

Anno 1722.  
9th of  
George I.  
Chap. II.

*In an Act, intituled, An Act for the better qualifying the Manufacturers of Stuffs and Yarn in the City of Norwich, and Liberties thereof, to bear Offices of Magistracy in the said*

said City; and for regulating Elections of such Officers; *it is provided*, That the Affirmation of *Quakers* be taken instead of the Oath.

*In an Act, intituled*, An Act for explaining and amending an Act of the last Session of Parliament, *intituled*, An Act to oblige all Persons, being *Papists*, in that Part of *Great-Britain* called *Scotland*, and all Persons in *Great-Britain*, refusing or neglecting to take the Oaths appointed for the Security of his Majesty's Person and Government, by several Acts herein mentioned, to register their Names and real Estates; and for enlarging the time for taking the said Oaths, and making such Registers; and for allowing further Time for the Enrolment

of

Anno 1723.  
10th of  
George I.  
Chap. 4.

of Deeds or Wills made by *Papists*, which have been omitted to be enrolled, pursuant to an Act of the third Year of his Majesty's Reign; and also for giving Relief to *Protestant* Lessees, *it is enacted*, That *Quakers* taking and subscribing the Declaration of Fidelity, and Effect of the Abjuration Oath, shall be discharged from all Penalties and Forfeitures for not taking the said Oaths, or not registering his or her Estate or Estates.

Anno 1723.  
10th of  
George I.  
Chap. 10.

*In an Act, intituled*, An Act for repealing certain Duties therein mentioned, payable upon Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts, Chocolate, and Cocoa-Paste, imported; and for granting certain Inland Duties in lieu thereof; and for prohibiting the



the Importation of Chocolate ready made, and Cocoa-Paste; and for better ascertaining the Duties payable upon Coffee, Tea, and Cocoa-Nuts, imported; and for granting Relief to *Robert Dalzell*, late Earl of *Carnwath*, it is provided, That the Affirmation of *Quakers* be taken instead of the Oath.

In an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating Elections within the City of *London*, and for preserving the Peace, good Order, and Government of the said City, it is provided, That the Affirmation of *Quakers* be taken instead of the Oath, and that false Affirming be punished as wilful and corrupt Perjury.

Anno 1714.  
11th of  
George I.  
Chap. 18.

Y<sup>e</sup> In

Anno 1729.  
2d of  
George II.  
Chap. 24.

*In an Act, intituled, An Act for the more effectual preventing Bribery and Corruption, in the Elections of Members to serve in Parliament, it is provided, That the Affirmation of Quakers be taken instead of the Oath.*

Anno 1730.  
3d of  
George II.  
Chap. 8.

*In an Act, intituled, An Act for the better regulating Elections in the City of Norwich, and for preserving the Peace, good Order, and Government of the said City, it is provided, That the Affirmation of Quakers be taken instead of the Oath, and that false Affirming be punished as wilful and corrupt Perjury.*

Anno 1732.  
5th of  
George II.  
Chap. 24.

*In an Act, intituled, An Act for encouraging the Growth of Coffee*

in

in his Majesty's Plantations in *America*, it is provided, That the Affirmation of *Quakers* be taken instead of the Oath.

*In an Act, intituled, An Act to prevent the committing of Frauds by Bankrupts, it is provided, That the Affirmation of Quakers be taken instead of the Oath.*

Anno 1732.  
5th of  
George II.  
Chap. 30.

*In an Act, intituled, An Act for granting an Aid to his Majesty by a Land Tax, to be raised in Great-Britain, for the Service of the Year one Thousand seven Hundred and thirty-three, it is provided, That the Affirmation of the Quakers be taken instead of the Oath.*

Anno 1733.  
6th of  
George II.  
Chap. 10.



Anno 1734.  
7th of  
George II.  
Chap. 25.

*In an Act, intituled, An Act to explain and amend an Act passed in the eleventh Year of his late Majesty King GEORGE the first, intituled, An Act for the better regulating the Manufacture of Cloth in the West-Riding of the County of York, it is provided, That the Affirmation of Quakers be taken instead of the Oath.*

Anno 1735.  
8th of  
George II.  
Chap. 6.

*In an Act, intituled, An Act for the publick registering of all Deeds, Conveyances, Wills, and other Incumbrances that shall be made of, or that may affect, any Honours, Manors, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, within the North-Riding of the County of York, after the nine and twentieth Day of September, one Thousand seven Hundred*

Hundred and thirty-six, *it is provided*, That the Affirmation of *Quakers* be taken instead of the Oath.

*In an Act, intituled*, An Act to explain and amend an Act passed in the second Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, *intituled*, An Act for the Relief of Debtors, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons, *it is provided*, That the Affirmation, of *Quakers* be taken instead of the Oath.

Anno 1735.  
8th of  
George II.  
Chap. 24.

*In an Act, intituled*, An Act for Relief of insolvent Debtors, *it is provided*, That the Affirmation of *Quakers* be taken instead of the Oath.

Anno 1737.  
10th of  
George II.  
Chap. 26.

In

Anno 1739.  
12th of  
George II.  
Chap. 17.

*In an Act, intituled, An Act to enable the Parishioners of the Parish of Saint Catharine Coleman in Fenchurch-Street, in the City of London, to rebuild the Church of the said Parish, it is provided, That the Affirmation of Quakers be taken instead of the Oath.*

Anno 1739.  
12th of  
George II.  
Chap. 21.

*In an Act, intituled, An Act for taking off the Duties upon Woollen and Bay Yarn imported from Ireland to England, and for the more effectual preventing the Exportation of Wool from Great-Britain, and of Wool, and Wool manufactured, from Ireland to other Parts, it is provided, That the Affirmation of Quakers be taken instead of the Oath.*

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*In an Act, intituled, An Act for* Anno 1739.  
 granting a Liberty to carry Sugars, 12th of  
 of the Growth, Produce, or Ma- George II.  
 nufacture, of any of his Majesty's Chap. 30.  
 Sugar Colonies in *America*, from  
 the said Colonies directly to foreign  
 Parts, in Ships built in *Great-*  
*Britain*, and navigated according to  
 Law, it is provided, That the Af-  
 firmation of *Quakers* be taken in-  
 stead of the Oath.

*In an Act, intituled, An Act to* Anno 1740,  
 revive, explain, and amend an Act 13th of  
 made in the sixteenth and seven- George II.  
 teenth Years of the Reign of his Chap. 26.  
 late Majesty King CHARLES the  
 second, intituled, An Act for ma-  
 king the River of *Medway* naviga-  
 ble, in the Counties of *Kent* and  
*Sussex*, it is provided, That the Af-  
 firmation

firmation of *Quakers* be taken instead of the Oath.

Anno 1748.  
21st of  
George II.

*In an Act, intituled, An Act for Relief of insolvent Debtors, it is provided, That the Affirmation of Quakers be taken instead of the Oath.*

Anno 1750.  
23rd of  
George II.

*In an Act, intituled, An Act for settling a Stipend or Maintenance upon the Rector of the Parish of Saint George the Martyr, in the Borough of Southwark, in the County of Surry, and his Successors, in lieu of Tithes; in Relation to the appointing Collectors, it is provided, That Quakers be excepted from being Collectors.*

*In*

*In an Act, intituled, An Act to* Anno 1753.  
 enable the Parishoners of the Parish <sup>26th of</sup>  
 of *Stone*, in the County of *Stafford*, George II.  
 to rebuild the Church of the said  
 Parish, *it is provided*, That *Quakers*  
 be excepted from being Collectors ;  
 and that Collectors be impowered  
 to make Distress, by Warrant from  
 five or more Trustees, on such as  
 refuse to pay the Rates assessed by  
 the Act.

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